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From the Governor
to
Colo: Jas: Powell

Town of Washington
1st January 1815.

Sir

From a belief that the public interest would be greatly promoted by the appointment of Colo. Carter, to the military command in your quarter of the country, I have deemed it my duty to confer upon him the office of Lt. Colo: of the 8th Regiment which he held previous to his engagement in the volunteer corps of the United States. This measure I flatter myself is not taken from any disrespect for your character, but in order to obtain the benefit of Colo: Carter's experience.

Colo: Jas: Powell.

Yrs
Jas Monroe.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo. Bates

Town of Washington,
1. January 1815.

Sir

Should the Enemy attempt to land or to commit any depredations within the limits of your command, you will order

into service the whole of your [redacted] use your best exertions to protect the persons and property of the Inhabitants from the Pillage and Plunder hand recruits ordered to join in the defence of the lower Province. You will attend to the General order of the [redacted] as it applies to your Regiment and should you find it necessary, you will have the cattle and Slaves removed to the interior part of the Province of the Enemy. All intercourse between the Inhabitants and the Enemy is prohibited

Lt. Col: Baby.

James Q.

Provincial Army.

Head Quarters,

Town of Frayington,

General Orders. 1. January 1815.

Lieut: Colo: Baron of the 8th Regt: is appointed to take the command of such forces as may be ordered from the 6. 8. 14. & 15 Regiments, by the Commanding Officer of the United States troops East of Penobscot River.

Daniel Delany

Commander in Chief.

From the Governor
to
Wm Allen Gorsuch

Town of Maryington
13 January 1815.

Sir

Wm Perry Esqr has been appointed to succeed you in the Office of Justice of Jackson County

I am Sir
Your Hble Servt
David Mahon

From the Governor
to
Benjamin Lanier Esq:

Town of Maryington
1 January 1815.

Sir

Your Commission as a Justice of the Peace for Jackson County has been revoked

I am Sir
Your Hble Servt
David Mahon

From the Governor
to
Wm Peter Nielson

Town of Maryington
2nd January 1815.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to take command of the troops which are to be selected and assembled, conformably to the General or

of the 24th. ulto:

You will direct as much [illegible] possible repair to proceed in [illegible] where you will meet with a part of your force: march. It is my intention that [illegible] of the troops shall descend the River to [illegible]

You will request Colo. Mason to [illegible] the orders he has received [illegible] they will explain to you the steps which have been made in his quarter, and the manner in which it is to be organized.

I have &c

To Colo: Patton

David Kerr.

By David Kerr Governor of the Mississippi Territory

Whereas John M. Nunn was convicted at the april Term of the Superior Court holden for the County of Adams in the Year 1818; of the crime of assault with intent to kill, and sentenced by the said court to pay a fine of five hundred dollars, to be imprisoned for one year, and to enter into a recognizance for two thousand dollars with two good and sufficient securety in the like sum to be of good behaviour for the space of two months from the expiration of his im-
prisonment. Now Know Ye, That

for divers considerations, I do hereby pardon and remit the remainder of the imprisonment which the said [illegible] is liable to suffer and the whole of the fine upon his paying the costs of prosecution and his prison fees, and enter into a recognizance for to the remainder thereof with two good Securities for the like sum conformably to the aforesaid sentence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Territory, this 8th day of January 1815.

[illegible]

From the Governor
To
The Commanding Officer of
the Militia at Capt. Mayhew's

Head Quarters.
Town of Mayhew
4 January
1815.

Sir

You are ordered to detail Lieut. Grafton, One Ensign and forty privates for one months duty. The Detachment will be joined by Capt. Smith's Co. at Capt. Dyer's. The Officers you will detail to command them will [illegible] to the Commanding officer of the Militia, at Mayhew town

From the Governor

Capt. Tarrant

Sir

You will proceed immediately this Morning and put the Troops on board every boat at or near the Landing on the side of the River. A Lieutenant, one Ensign and forty Privates, will be detached to carry into effect this Measure, which is all important to the interest of the service. The Commanding Officer of the Detachment will have orders to obey your directions. In the discharge of your duty on this occasion you will use the Mildness and moderation that may be consistent with the execution of this order.

Capt. Tarrant
Capt. Depy Quarter Master Genl &c

I have &c
Jno. B. Hollins.

Head Quarters
Washington
4th February
1814

From the Governor
to
Commanding Officer of
the Guard ordered to Market

Sir

You will provide such guard as you command for Butchers. Market days are Tuesday Thursday & Saturday only communicated

to give the best effect to the movements & enable the officers to execute the duties which may be appointed to you with mildness & moderation.

Comg. Officer of the Guard Town to Market.

Brig. Gen. Stark

From the Governor

Brig. Gen. Starkstone

Dear Sir

by Town of Washington

4 January 1815.

I received your letter of this morning. Your solicitude to be actively employed at this juncture in the service of your country evinces your patriotism and merits my acknowledgment. I still entertain the same view in relation to your special application which I communicated to you on yesterday. Several Regiments of the Militia have been already ordered into service, and the remainder will be placed in the same situation in the course of a few days. I am not possessed of facts which enable me to believe that the Militia force except what may be indispensably requisite for patrol duty, will be actively employed

Your persuasion is that Events of [illegible]
General of the Artillery will be required.
Lt Col: Nichols has been [illegible] to command
the Detachment now preparing. Should he
not with propriety [illegible] order an Officer
of a higher grade upon the occasion
I am &c

Henry Knox

From the Governor

Lt Col: Crockett

Sir

Mr. Beaver [illegible] Savage
[illegible] Clarke informed against for [illegible]
the British Army about five years ago,
I have directed him to report himself to
the Secretary, where certificates will be
produced to you which will be sufficient
to justify you in discharging him from
the Militia. His character has been
represented to me in a favorable light.
I am &c

Lt Col: Crockett

Jany 6. 1815

Jonathan Hunter
Governor

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From the Governor

Sam.l Perry Esq.r

Sir

It is of the utmost importance to the safety of the army that you should use your utmost exertions to procure and transport to Orleans with the greatest possible expedition a large quantity of provisions. I have already ordered you five hundred dollars and will do so from time to time any amount that may be necessary

Sam.l Perry Esq.r

Dear Sir

From the Governor

Capt. Dunn

Sir

You will proceed with the whole of your command this Evening to [illegible] from whence you will descend the River to Fort Adams where you will report yourself to Lt. Col.o Nelson. If by accident Lt. Col.o Nelson should not be there, you will proceed

New orleans, and report yourself at Head
Quarters.

[redacted]

Capt. Lucas. Commanding officer.

7th January [redacted]

From the Governor [redacted]
to
Genl. McArthur. 5th January 1815.

Dear Sir

Having been informed that you are at present in command at Lake Ponchartrain, I take the liberty of requesting you to give me the earliest information that you may receive respecting the Enemy. Should he make his appearance on the shore of the Lake, all the aid that can be given by this Territory, to repel his attacks will be most cheerfully afforded.

I am Genl. M. Crawford, Yours &c

[redacted]

From His Excellency
Governor Claiborne

The Contractor Agent Mr Secretan will furnish rations for the Detachment ordered from Natchez County, commanded by Capt. Stark now at this place to remain in Natchez and eight days provisions to part from thence to New Orleans.

By Order
David Holmes.

11th January 1815

From His Excellency
Governor Claiborne

To
The Commanding Officer
of the troops from Natchez

Washington
10th January
1815.

Sir

As soon as you are prepared with a Boat and provisions for your command, you will descend the River to New Orleans. Lt. Colo. Nelson is appointed to command the Battalion of five hundred, to him you will report upon your arrival. Should you overtake on the River any of the Detachment that have

lately embarked at Natchez, you will [redacted]
course (report yourself to the Commanding Officer
Before you embark, the Regiment to which you
ter-ed also expected. It is possible that
I may be in Natchez this Evening, but if I am
not wish you to delay on that account.
To the Commg Officer
of the troops from
Claiborne.

Head Qrs
Camp Do
Davis Ferry.

From the Governor
to
Lieut: Colo: Hockett.

Camp at Natchez,
12th. January
1815.

Sir

You will upon the receipt of this
letter detach for immediate service two
Captains and twenty five Privates, as
soon as they are selected, you will order
them to repair to this place. They will be
compose'd part of a Company which are
hundred to be stationed at the Encamp-
ment as required to serve. Those Offi-
cers expected to arrive in the course
of three or four days. You will write to
Lt Colo: Nelson to attend to the arrangements
made respecting Capt: Crosbie's Company from

who are unwilling to reenlist serve honorably accom
who may be discharged for [illegible] expiration
convenience of the arrangement are not to have
credit for a full tour of duty.

Lt. Col: Stockton. [illegible]

From the Governor
to
Lt. Col: Putnam

Head Quarters
Town of Washington
20th January 1777

Sir

Upon the receipt of this letter you will detail for immediate service fifteen privates. They are to form a part of a full company to be stationed at Danbury [illegible] hereto, for the purpose of guarding the Provision Stores, who are hourly expected to arrive. You are to exert yourself to have them properly equipped and marched to Genl. Lord Stirling, to whom you are to direct the Officers or senior commissioned officer to take command of the men until they arrive at their place of destination.

Lt. Col: Putnam

I am &c
Geo. Washington.

Extract

Copy of Warrington Parole

January 8. 1815.

Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pay unto Stephen Minor President of the Bank of the Mississippi, or order two hundred dollars. This sum is drawn to enable me to make the stipulated allowance to certain Prisoners of War now under my care.

Your obt. St.
David Holmes.

To
James Robinson
Secy at War.
Washington City.

By David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Whereas I McHaffie, John Forbes, Archibald Hiady, Anthony Armstrong, Mrs Knight, Mrs Harrison, John Learock, and James Stuart, now Prisoners of War, did on the 8th day of the present Month, at the City of New Orleans give their Parole of honour to observe inviolably certain

[illegible] agement, one of which may, that they would not withdraw from the bounds that should be prescribed for them by the Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

Now Be it Known, That the following bounds are hereby prescribed for the said Prisoners of War, to wit, The Town of Washington and their parole around the same, with the exception of Cantonment Washington, which the Prisoners of War are not at liberty to visit, without permission from the Governor of the Territory.

Given under my hand
this 20. day of January
1815.

By David Holmes.

To Brig. Gen. Thos. Pinckney
Com'g Mil. Dist.

From the Governor
Town of Washington
Jan'y 20th 1815.

Sir

I send you by the Bearer the following articles for which you will transmit to me by the first opportunity a regular return. The Artillery belonging to the Territory must be receipted for seperately. 300 lb. powder 9 m.

lead, 35 Camp Kettles, 1 Do two pairs, 15 [illegible]
flints; 311 gun[illegible] Paper; Two Camp Kettles
Pans and tents are the property of the Enemy

In my last letter I left it discretionary with you to discharge or not as you might think proper, a Portion of the troops. It is my wish that a sufficient number should be continued in service for every purpose that we can expect to accomplish.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to hear of your having two or three foraging Parties of the Enemy.

David Mitchell.

Lt Colo: Mixon.

From the Governor to Mr. Scranton.

Sir

I wish thank you to inform me what progress you have made in procuring Waggons to transport provisions to Mobile.

Yrs &c
David Mitchell

Mr. Scranton. 23rd January 1815.

From the Governor to Lt Colo: Mixon.

Sir

Head Qrs. Baylingtow, 23rd January 1815.

I wrote to you by the Waggoner That

to B charge of the Ammunition &c. that the number you might think proper to retain in the field, may left to your discretion. From what I can learn Bond's company of Riflemen, and one company of foot will be sufficient to prevent the enemy from procuring cattle. If you should be of the same opinion, you will suffer the remainder of the force to return to their Homes, but with orders to be in readiness to march at a moments warning. I repeat however to you, that as you are on the ground, you must be the better Judge of the number of troops requisite to accomplish the object we have in view. From your information communicated by Col: Pinney, I regret that you did not detach a guard for the Ammunition Waggon. I presume however it will arrive safe.

Lt: Col: Nixon.

I am &c
Danl Mc Arthur.

From the Governor to Col: McRee.

Sir

Town of Worthington, 23rd January 1813.

Mr. John M. Hamilton the Bearer hereof, claims five Negroes now at the Agency. His claims appear fair from his Papers. The

same course must be pursued in this [redacted]
that you were advised to adopt respecting the
Negro claimed by Mr Perry. If however
: ever you are satisfied that Flute is [redacted]
of Mr Hamilton's right to the property,
you will be safe in delivering it to him,
upon his giving bond and sufficient security to
indemnify against any damages that may be
hereafter recovered by the other claimant.

Both parties may possibly come to an
agreement to submit the question in controversy
to you. In that event there will be no hazard
in your giving a decision. If you are
not perfectly satisfied that the property
belongs to Mr. Hamilton, the safest way
will be to have the question tried in Claiborne
County.

Col: Hooe. I am &c
Francis Nt Surget.

To the Lt. Col: or other
the Major of the 2nd Regt.
Mt Pleasant County.

Head Quarters,
Town of Washington
24. January
1815.

Sir

Upon the application of Mr
Spriggs commanding a guard of British Prisoners
you will furnish a Subaltern officer and

Inverty Men or any Sp number that he may require to assist in the discharge of the duty in which the said Capt: Spragg is now engaged.

Your &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Major White
(3)

Dr Sir

I have sent in the nine navy Officers. One of them may left sick on the road to this place as you recollect. He must send him as soon as he arrives. The Bearer will deliver to you a letter from Genl Jackson. I think it would be proper to send a guard of three or four men with the Prisoners. If you are of the same opinion, order Lt: Skyles to detail that number for the purpose. If on the other hand the "Body" be your opinion will render every thing safe; you can suffer them to proceed without the guard.

Major White
Mobile.

Yours &c
David Holmes.
24. Jany. 1815.

From the Governor
to
Capt: Spragg

Town of Washington
24. January 1815.

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 23d inst: this morning.

I received from Maj.r Genl Jackson a letter of the 21th. and one of the 21st inst: By the first he requires me to send to New Orleans for the purpose of being exchanged the officers and Seamen mentioned in the inclosed list. Six of the officers have arrived here. One was left sick on the road but is expected to arrive in the course of this day. I have directed transportation to be provided at Natchez for these Prisoners and for Major McIntaffie who I am requested to send on by the General's letter of the 21st. I will facilitate the exchange for you to send back the seamen under your care that are mentioned in the list, by the speediest means within your power.

I inclose to you an order for an additional Guard, which you will use should you think more men than you have at present, requisite in consequence of your sending back a part of the Prisoners.

I am &c
Capt: Spragg. David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Major White

Sir

A letter from Genl. Jackson this moment received directs me to send to Mobile the navy officers in our possession. You will make arrangements for their accomodation.

Major White. Your Ob
David Holmes.
24. January 1815.

I wish you to send me the list of Prisoners as many have been written for that are not in our possession, but are on their march to this place.

D.H.

I David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory do hereby authorize Aaron Burnes esq: to administer the oath of Office to all officers civil and Military that are and may be appointed in the County of Laurence.

Given under my hand at the Town of Fayetteville the 24. January 1815

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Capt: Springs

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of this morning. A guard will be in Waiting immediately to take charge of the Prisoners. Major White who commands at Cantonment Washington will give you a receipt for them.

Capt: Springs. I am &c
David Holmes.

The Bearer Jack Peck states that he has received an injury which renders him incapable of performing Militia duty. Doct: Boyle will examine into the nature of his disability and give to him a certificate conformably to his opinion.

David Holmes
Commander in Chief
29 January 1813.

From the Governor to Capt: Formby

Sir

You will deliver to such persons as you may order to descend the River with Boats containing Prisoners certificates that they have been ordered by me to New Orleans.

This Document will prevent their being detained by
Capt: Formby A.D.C.M.G. David Holmes.

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From the Governor to

Sir

You will please to direct Brevet Major Mc Call who comes with a guard to some Prisoners from Bay St. Louis.

I am &c

David Holmes.

From the Governor

to

Major Shields

Washington

31. January 1815.

Sir

Important public business in the line of your official duty requires your being here this Evening. Certain Persons charged with treason have been sent under guard from Pearl River to this Place. It is proper that you should advise the course of proceeding in these cases.

Major Shields

Atty Genl

I am &c

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo. Skinner

Sir

The British having left New-Orleans it will be only requisite for you to hold your Regiment in readiness for immediate service. It will not be necessary for you to Recruit them embodied, but you will be prepared to act upon any occasion that may occur.

Lt. Colo: Skinner. Pascal Notary.

The same to Lt. Colo: Patton and to Lt. Colo: Anderson with instructions to keep a small force to watch the motions of the Enemy

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From the Governor to General Jackson.

Sir

Town of Washington, 6. Jany. 1815.

Capt: Tounsley repairs to Orleans for the purpose of making some arrangements relative to his official duties, and I embrace the opportunity of saying to you that his conduct here has been highly honorable to himself and very beneficial to the Public. In all his transactions he has given the most perfect satisfaction. In consequence of the

Contractors having no provisions at Natchez I have proceed with the public service all the boa at the Landing and have directed such as have provisions on board to descend the River with a Detachment of Militia. In addition to this measure I have directed Mr Perry the Agent appointed by Mr Brant to purchase Pork, and Beef in the Country, and to transport it to orleans with all possible dispatch.

For this purpose the Banks of the Mississippi have agreed to advance upon the Agents Bills to the amount by me, fifteen thousand dollars, and I am confident that a larger sum may be obtained from the same source. I assure you, Sir, that every thing shall be done, that is practicable to furnish you with supplies. Every little provision has just arrived from the upper country, but we may expect considerable quantities in the course of this Month.

I have &c

Maj.r Genl. Jackson.

Daniel Holmes.

To Lieut. Governor
Capt. Malvert

Town of Pontchartrain
30th December 18

Sir

You will proceed from this Place with your command to the vicinity of Lake Ponchartrain. and ascertain whether the Enemy have taken a position worthy of the Lake. There are four points worth Notice, Galvestown, Madisonville Pinedo Bottom where it is probable he will land either for the purpose of foraging or reconnoitering the Country. You will approach these Places with as much secrecy as possible, and endeavour to discover the number, disposition, and if possible the object of the Enemy. You will also reconnoitre both banks of the Pearl River, and if you receive any intelligence to justify a belief that the Enemy are on that quarter. You will recollect that the object of your expedition is to obtain information. You will therefore avoid a contest with any of the advanced parties of the Enemy, unless they are so few in number, that there is almost a certainty of

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your being able to capture them. If on ar-
rival at Dragon to meet with the first in-
formation you may obtain respecting the
ship and crew. Keep me regularly informed of
every important occurrence that you may be
able to make.

I wish you great success in the ex-
ecution of the delicate trust committed to your charge
and am

Sir
Your Obt. Servt
Capt. Babbit. David Hoffman.

I do hereby certify that Daniel Perry
served under my orders as a Pilot agreeably
to the orders of Genl. David Holmes Governor of
the Mississippi Territory for fifteen days, for
which service the said Perry claims for himself
and Horse one Dollar per day, and forty cents
amounting to twenty two dollars and fourteen
cents.

Alex. Babbit
Capt.

Washington, Feby. 1. 1815.

The Agt. Dep. Qr. Mr. Genl. will
pay the above account of twenty two dollars
and forty six cents.

David Hoffman.

Act. Feby 1815.

From the Governor
to
Major Shields

Town of Washington
2nd February 1815

Dr Sir

Certain persons charged with having committed treason by [illegible] the enemy with provisions &c have been sent under guard from Pearl River to this place. It is my intention to order the guard to deliver them to the civil authority. It is proper on the occasion that you should be present and advise the course of proceedings. I have therefore to request that you will attend here early in the Morning

Majr Shields. Yours &c

From the Governor
to
Mrs Skinner.

Town of Washington
2nd February 1815

Dear Sir

I was much gratified by your letter of the 20. ulto. as it relieved my mind from some apprehensions I entertained respecting the [illegible] of Town Washington. Col. Purnell made a representation of the distressed situation of the people of Marion County in consequence of the rebels of the Militia having embodied and the great scarcity of corn

A similar statement was made by Mr Ch. Morton, in whom (I hear the utmost confidence Information was procured from other sources upon this subject; which induced me to order from Mission, (unless there should be a considerable force of the Enemy at the Mouth of Pearl River) to discharge all the Troops but the mounted Militia. Of your Ordering will be able to render essential service; and for your activity on this occasion merit the thanks of all true Patriots.

With regard &c

Jared Sidney.

The letters for Mrs S. and Lieut: Sh[illegible] were forwarded by mail.

From the Governor & Council of Washington,
to Lieut. Colo. Nicols 2nd February 1813.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter by Express and by Lt: Sterrett I saw much gratified at the conduct of the Militia of the 13th. Regiment, The Cheerfulness with which they repaired to the field

when called into service entirely fr
my Family which you will communicate to the
different Companies that assembled at the
Rendezvous. The Mounted men I expect
will be sufficient to accomplish every object
that we have at present in prospect
The Indians commanded by Mr Johnson
will be found very useful
I have &c
Lt Colo. Mitchell
David Mitchell

From the Governor
to
Major Genl Jackson
Dr Sir

Dated Fort Hughes
the 4th February
1815

In the 28th of December
I ordered into service a Body of Militia
from the Regiments most convenient to the
mouths of Mark River and Bay St Louis
This Troops were placed under the
command of Lt Colo Mitchell an Officer of
some experience who had orders to keep such
parties of the Enemy as should attempt to
land, to secure their Cattle driven from
the Coast into the interior and to oppose
such persons as should prove hostile
to the Country. by furnishing the Enemy

with Provisions or holding with them a tra-
sonable correspondence. This Measure may be
attended with some benefit by rendering it
cult and hazardous for the Enemy to pro-
cure supplies. We have taken few prisoners
and a few Deserters have made their way into
the Country. At present there is one hundred
good Riflemen employed upon this duty, and a
Summons has assembled a considerable party of
the pine Town Chactaws. This force, I trust, will
be sufficient for every purpose that we can
expect to accomplish in that quarter.

I received some time ago, a letter from Genera
Winchester stating that he would have to rely
upon being furnished with provisions from this
part of the Country and requesting me to aid
in procuring supplies of flour forwarded to Mobile
The letter did not reach my until the six-
teenth day after its date. I immediately direct
Mr Scrantom the Contractors Agent at Natch
to engage Waggons and to send me a quantity of
flour. He got the hay forwarded but a small
quantity, and informed me two days ago, that
he was not authorized by the Contractors to pay
the expense of transportation.

I have ordered him to procure a number of Axes, and have made him responsible for the hire. I am in hopes however that the General will receive supplies from the upper Country by the way of the Tennessee and Alabama

Genl Jackson. I am &c

David Henry.

Exchange $553.75.

Town of Washington,

6. February 1815.

Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pay unto Lt Johnsley Agt. Pay Quarter Master Genl or order five hundred and fifty three dollars and seventy five cents. This sum is drawn to enable him to pay an account for making and repairing Cartridge Boxes.

Hon'ble James Monroe Secy of War

Washington City

Secy at War

Exchange Bill Town of Washington

6 July 1815

Ten days after sight of this my first Bill, the second of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pay unto Mr. Geo White or order Three hundred dollars. Value in draught to enable him to negotiate the stipulated allowances to certain Prisoners of War now under my care.

Yours &c

David Holmes.

Navy:
James Monroe
Secty. of War
Washington

From the Governor
to
Capt. Tunstall

Town of Washington
7th July 1815

Sir

You will please to take Philip of the 18. Regiment - thirty ratings of Forage. The Captain (you) ordered from Pearl River to this Place with some prisoners of war. Three Horses employed in the service five days coming and five returning is allowed.

Capt. Tunstall

David Holmes.

Ch. Dept. & Mil. Genl. Comm. in Chief

From the Governor
to
General Jackson

Sir

From information which I received respecting the conduct of John Kingston who arrived at [illegible] in a Boat loaded with a large quantity of Munitions of war, I thought proper to order a Guard to descend the River with him to their Encampment. Kingston was arrested at Natchez and taken before a Magistrate in consequence of the declaration of some of the hands. Nothing however appeared in Evidence which would justify further proceedings, but circumstances were such as to induced me to place the Cargo under the care of an Officer with a competent number of Men.

Major Genl Jackson. I have &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor to Major White.

Town of Washington, 13 [illegible]

Sir

Conformably to the request of St. Pierre I have given him permission to return home, provided the Charges exhibited against him were withdrawn.

Major White. David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Secty of the Treasury

Town of Raymond
14. Feby 1815.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you certain accounts and Vouchers for Ordinary Expenditure and account of the Contingencies by Mr. Henry Dangerfield Secy of the aforesaid. For some months past, Mr. Dangerfield from indisposition has been entirely unable to attend to any business. At present it is not expected that he will survive many days.

I have &c

Hon: A. J. Dallas.
Secy of the Treasury.

Danl Brent
Comm. in Chief

From the Governor
to
Capt. Gourney

Sir

You are hereby required to take charge of Storage at present occupied by Mr Galeith and commit to guard to prevent Prisoners from Escaping.

Capt. Gourney
U.S.D.M.G.

Danl Brent
Comm. in Chief
16. Feby 1815.

From the Governor
to
Lt: Alexander

Head Quarters
Town of Washington
16. July 1812.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 15th. inst.

Your resignation is accepted, and I tender to you my thanks for the honorable services you have rendered to your country. You will always have my best wishes for your welfare and happiness.

Lt. Alexander
of the
Natchez Volunteers.

I am &c
Pierce Butler.

From the Governor
to
General Jackson

Town of Washington.
18. February
1815.

Sir

Your letter of the 14. inst I did not receive until yesterday evening. Capt. Reid left Natchez for Orleans some days ago. Knight and Leavock will go down in the Saint Paul. Major Mitchell when he arrived at this place requested to be paroled. I at first refused to gratify him, but upon conversing with Major White who commanded

Sir

at the Cantonment, he informed me that there
no house at the Cantonment where he could
two Officers who arrived with him, could be safely
confined. I therefore granted them a parole
case assigned this village and three miles around
for their limits. I shall make them report
twice in the twenty four hours, and if I discover
any improper conduct, or intention of an in-
tention to desert, will order them into close con-
finement. If you think it best to have them
placed under guard, it will be done upon your
intimation. In the meantime his movements shall
be closely watched.

Brig: Gen: Parker. I have &c
David Mahon.

Exchange $5111. Town of Washington,
18. Feby 1815.

Ten days after sight of this my
first of Exchange, the second of the same tenor
and date being unpaid, pay unto Mr George
Newman or order five hundred dollars the
same being in part of his account against
the United States for furnishing tents
Knapsacks and other Camp Equipage for Regt

ment of Infantry and Cavalry ordered
into the service of the United States
by the Militia of this Territory.

Gov:
Jas: Monroe.
Secy. at War.

Sir

I have
paid Mobrie
Gov. Miss: Territory
three (3) Bills of the same tenor
and date, drawn in favour of Governor
Shannon by the Governor
of
the Secretary at War
Dated 7th Feby 1818.
Exchange $4 pr. 56/100

Few days after eight days
first Bill, the second of the same tenor and
date being unpaid, pay unto George Shannon
or order four hundred and ninety dollars and
fifty six cents, the same being in part
his account against the United States for fur-
nishing tents, Knapsacks and other Camp Equi-
page for a Detachment of Infantry and
Cavalry ordered into the service of the United
States from the Militia of this Territory.

Gov:
Jas: Monroe
Secy at War

David Mobrie
Gov. Miss. Territory
Washington

From the Governor
to
The Secretary at War

Town of Washington
20th. February

Sir

I have drawn upon you for the pay herein stated since the 18th. ultimo, in favour of the President of the Mississippi for two hundred, in favour of Hays & White for Three hundred dollars, in favr of George Penrnew for the following sums $553 three bills for five hundred dollars each and one for four hundred and ninety dollars and fifty six cents. On the Body of the Bills the object to which the Money may be applied is expressed.

I have &c

Jay: Monroe.
Secretary at War.

David Holmes.

From the Governor to General Jackson.

Sir

Lt: Rowan of the Militia ordered by profession a Lawyer accepted of his appointment in the Battalion commanded by Lieut: Colo: Nelson, from the pole Mark of long service able to his Country. At present his

desirous of returning to the duties of his
profession, there is no power[illegible]
being employed in active service against the
Enemy. On answering his application I informed
him upon this subject I have informed him that I
may not exercise any authority to dispense with
his services, except that the Commanding General
of the district alone could grant the request.
Yet Mr. Rankin could be assured that
preparations to the public service should be
gratified as his dispatch with which he
his absences.

Maj. Gen. Jackson. I am &c

Jno A Harris

From the Governor to Lieutenant Rankin

Sir

I received your letter of the
several March after it may regularly
due. It is not in my power to discharge any
officer from service after the Regiment or Corps
to which he belongs has been received by the Com-
manding General of the District. I have written
to General Jackson upon this subject, and inclose
to you the letter, which you will perform deliver

Lt Rankin.

I am &c

Jno A Harris.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo. Nelson

Town of Washington
3 February 1815.

Sir

I shall transmit by the next Mail to Major Genl. Jackson a few blank Commissions to fill up the vacancies that may occur in your Battalion. By the present opportunity I should acquaint you of the death of Mrs. Secretary Pinckney which happened last Evening.

Lt. Colo. Nelson.

I am &c
David Mitchell.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo. Nelson

Town of Washington
3 February 1815.

Sir

You will be handed herewith by Major Brisco his Commission for service in the Battalion of Militia which you command. He takes charge of a part of the Troops who did not assemble in time to proceed with the last Detachment, that rendezvoused the River. For a few days past they have been on duty at Natchez and Cantonment Washington. I have

[illegible] ...ain. You will apply to him if [illegible]
should be required to compel the inhabitants
the Bahamas, in case voluntarily [illegible]
I wish you to forward a return of your com-
mand, by the first opportunity after this reaches
Roll which I shall transmit to the Secretary
at War

I am &c
Lt Colo: Nelson. Thos. Mifflin

From the Governor to Lt Green or Commg Officer
at Cantonment Washington.

Sir

Mr Smith will deliver to you five Deser-
ters. You will order proceedings to be held
to Know, and keep them within the Chain of
Centinels. They are not to be closely confined.

I am &c
Lt Green &c &c Thos. Mifflin

From the Governor to General Gaston.

Sir Town of Washington February
15.

I received your letter of the 13th and
21st inst. Capt Spragg on account of contrary
Winds and a scarcity of provisions deemed it
proper to depart the Prisoners and the guard
at Ft Granville. The Marine Officers who were
permitted to proceed in advance to this place

arrived yesterday except one which took sick upon the road. I have directed transportation to be procured for these officers, and for Major McAffee. They will leave Natchez in the morning. I have directed Capt Sparrgg to send back the seamen mentioned in the list which you inclosed to me, and have authorized him to call for an additional Guard if he thinks it necessary.

I most sincerely congratulate you upon the success which has attended your measures at New Orleans. No other course but the one you adopted could have saved the City, or have been productive of so much real benefit and true glory to the Nation.

I have forwarded the letters for Mrs Jackson and Mrs Butler to Natchez, but from what I have heard it is probable they have passed on to Nashville, which, if so, I shall regret as it may be my intention to have visited upon Mrs Jackson upon her arrival.

Genl Jackson. I have &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Major Genl Jackson

Town of Washington,
March 1. 1815.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letters of the 14th and 21st ult.

Capt Slade and Lieutenant
and Knight left this place some days ago
I suppose have arrived at orleans. The Choctaws
from Jeunipew were at Baton Rouge several
days ago, and I presume they have here Rejoined
their Tribe.

The troops of the British Expedition
embarked at Pensacola this Morning. They will be
guarded by a Detachment of Militia commanded
by Major Roberts of the 44th Regiment. These
troops if you think proper can be retained in
service until their terms of service expire.

I regret very much the capture of Mobile
Point and will regret it still more if it shall
appear that we have lost in the affair any
portion of our Military reputation.

An honorable Peace is what every Man
in the Community ought most sincerely to
desire, but I fear if a treaty has been
made, it was concluded at a time when our
affairs in Europe, were unfavorable
aspect. If the Peace is not honorable to
our Country I trust the treaty will be
rejected. There can be no doubt but that
a vigorous prosecution of the War would
in a short period obtain for us every thing we
ought in reason to ask.

Majr Genl Jackson I have &c
Pierce Butler

From the Governor

to

Patrick Burns who deserted from the British army when below Orleans, and who has a Certificate from Gen.l Coulborne respecting him.

1st March 1815. Daniel Storey.

Town of Washington, Ky. March 1815.

I do hereby certify that Thomas Bayley was directed by me to proceed to Orleans on the 8th day of January last, for the purpose of obtaining Public funds, and also during his absence employ John Lombard to do the duties of A.A. Deputy Quarter Master General, at the Post-master's place.

Given under my hand this 4th day of March 1815.

David Holmes.

From the Treasurer

Robt. Patterson esq:

Dear Sir,

I transmit to you a Note for five hundred and twenty dollars drawn by John Shurkirsey upon Simon Gratz and Brothers. Since I received your last letter I have been making every effort in my power to procure Money current in Philadelphia, to pay for the Draft intended for Gunlock Johnson that did not succeed until yesterday when I procured the inclosed draft. I regret that it is payable at so distant a day, but the remedy is, I will get a Merchant in Philadelphia to order the discount to be paid here. I hope will be satisfactory.

Robt. Patterson esq: I am &c
Pro tem Treasr.

To any Justice of the Peace or Magistrate in Jefferson County.

Sir

I have received information that one Indian called Connalechet or Peter Mc Intire and one Indian Woman called Sally Creek by name Mc Intire have in their possession the property of one Abner Shackleford. It is proper that the matter should be

enquired into by the proper authority. I have therefore to request that you will cause the Man to be apprehended in order that he may be brought tried for the Offence.

To any Justice of the Peace or the quorum in Jefferson County.

I am &c
Gavin Hohing.
Govr. Mipp. Territory
9th. March 1815.

From the Governor
to
James Monroe, Secy. at War

Town of Washington,
13. March 1815.

Sir

Mr. Henry Dangerfield late Secretary of the Territory died on the 19th. ulto. after a long and distressing indisposition. For some months previous to his death he was incapable of attending to business:

Mr. Samuel Croudson formerly named Officers at New Orleans I am confident would fill the office of Secretary with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Government. If I am assured that he is desirous to accept the appointment I shall recommend him to the President.

I frequently wrote to your predecessor upon the subject of the Navy and to the Militia of this Territory. Since the Commencement of the war we have had constantly in the field a considerable

portion of the effective force of the County of the Corps have been remitted to privy but two companies that were placed last fall in pursuance of an order from General Dickson.

I would suggest to those soldiers arrears due, if any, enabled to assure them from you that their claims would be attended to as soon as the State of the public Treasury would authorize disbursements for that object

Honble
James Monroe
Secy at War

I have &c
David McKinney

From the Governor of State of Washington,
to
Capt. Christian
22d March 1815.

Sir

You will permit the parole detachment of Militia now at Cantonment Washington to return to their homes upon furloughs. Quarter Master Shop will give to each Militia man a certificate stating the day he left Camp to which day he will be entitled to pay.

Capt. Christian. David McKinney.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo. Obrien.

State of Washington,
24 March 1815.

Sir

I have received the letter to receive your letter of the 16. inst by Mr. Hurd.

I regret that your accounts which came

within the quarter of May[illegible] Department must
have forwarded a few days ago all monies
then have been in my power to have collected
& paid by the Capt. Pays &c Masters
to settle them. At present there is no person in
the Department under my command. The bearer
Mr Do will be to have the accounts made up
and presented to the Q.r Mas. General &
who I am satisfied will receive orders upon
application to Genl Gaines the Officer now com-
manding at that Post to discharge the Amount
Genl Jackson has transferred the command to
Genl Gaines and has ordered the whole of the
Troops from this Territory to be mustered out
and paid.

I congratulate you upon the return of
Peace, and request you to accept my thanks for
the Patriotic services which you rendered during
the War.

I am &c
Lt Col: Nixon. Jno Scott Holmes.

From the Governor to Basil Mattoon Esq.

Sir

Pay to Mrs Johnson Hamilton or order five hundred and seventy dollars in Notes Bank Bills being the amount due him for a Bill of Exchange upon Simon Gratz & Brothers of Philadelphia in

with exhibits it is my intention to exchange the bills due for those ordered to be made for Genl Jackson.

P.S. Nailor esq. David Holmes.
Auditor of Public accounts.

Major Hilo of the 3d Regiment is ordered to muster and inspect the company of volunteers commanded by Capt. McKee.

2d December 1814. David Holmes.
Commander in Chief.

From the Governor
to
The Senr Major of
Pearl River

Town of Washington
September 1814.

Sir

You will deliver to the Captains of the Troops ordered to assemble at Pearl River as many of the public arms, as may be sufficient with those forwarded by Mr Gaberry to complete the arming of his company for which you will take his Duplicate receipts. I suppose there must be a sufficient number on hand in the County to accomplish this object.

I am &c
To the Senr Major David Holmes.
at Pearl River.

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Town of Washington 4th April 1815

I do hereby certify that (Mary) G Phi
a Captain in the 3d U.S. Regiment of Infantry
was appointed by me on the 19. day of Janry last
to do the duties of Agent to the Prisoners ordered
to this place by Major Genl Jackson and
committed to my care.

David Holmes
Govr & Sup. Territory

Indorsed Bill drawn in my favor by
Majr G Whito who was appointed by me Agent
of Prisoners, for $245.40.
4th April 1815. D Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Secy at War

Town of Washington,
4. April 1815.

Sir

I have this day drawn a
Bill upon you in favour of Philip May for
seventy five Dollars, being the amount of his
Salary as Interpreter to the Chactaw Indians
due for the Quarter ending with the last Day
of the last Month.

Secy. at War.

David Holmes

From the Governor
The Secy. at War

Washington
11th. April 1815

Sir

I recommend Lt. Col. Thos. Hinds as a Gentleman peculiarly entitled to fill the Place of Brigadier General of the Militia of this Territory, which appointment has become vacant by the death of General Claiborne.

Col. Hinds has seen the commencement of the war distinguished himself, as a gallant and patriotic Officer & commanded a Squadron of Cavalry at Orleans from this Territory, and received the highest approbation of General Jackson for his brave and undaunted conduct before the Enemy.

I have &c.

The Secy. at War

David Holmes.

By David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

A Proclamation.

Whereas it hath been duly certified to me that Millicins Pluto, Jacob Lowe, Burley Powling and John Cartwright have been tried for the crime of unlawful gaming at the present April Term of the Superior

Court of Adams County and hath been ap[pre]p[ar]ed
to pay by the verdict of a Jury each a fine of
five hundred dollars. And Whereas the hon[ora]ble
Walter Leake and the honorable George Poindexter
the Judges who presided at the aforesaid trials, and
the Jury who apprized the fine with a number
of Citizens have recommended the said Willi[am]
White, Jacob Dowe, Shardy Dowling and John
Cartright to the Clemency of the Executive in
consequence of their brave and meritorious conduct
at Orleans while that City was menaced by the
British Army.

Now Know Ye, that I having
maturely considered the recommendations aforesaid
do pardon and remit the fine of five hundred
dollars which hath been apprized against the
aforesaid William White, Jacob Dowe, Shardy
Dowling and John Cartright, and do further
more pardon & remit the corporal punish-
ment which they or either of them are
liable under the Law to receive

Given under my hand
and Seal of the Territory, this
14th April 1813.
David Holmes

Drew two bills on the 15. April 1810,
favour of R. Sutton one for $ [illegible] to pay money
advanced to Geo: Newman. one for $197. 39.
balance due himself for money advanced for
Camp Equipage and transportation.

D. Holmes.

From the Governor

to

Major John G Richardson

Town of Washington

24. April 1812

Dear Sir

I inclose to you a Commission of Major in the Regiment of Cavalry which I have determined to organize. Write me to forward to me a list of the Battalion in the Madison Troop in order that they may receive their promotion. and also a recommendation for the additional Officers that will be required in consequence of this arrangement.

I am &c

Major John G Richardson

David Holmes.

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From the Governor
to
John Linton esq.

Town of Mornington
26 April 1815.

Sir

I have the honor to deliver you a number of Muster Rolls of the Militia now here in the service of this United States. I have not received the Rolls of the two last Detachments but will order the Commanders to have them transmitted to you without delay. Col. Hamtramck will furnish you with the Muster Rolls of the Cavalry.

I have &c
David Holmes.

John Linton esq.
District Paymaster.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo. Morgan.

Town of Mornington,
28 April 1815.

Sir

John Linton esq. of Kentucky has been appointed to pay the Militia of this Territory. It is not in my power at present for want of funds to pay the arrears of the troops. You will however transmit to him the muster Rolls without delay, as soon as he may make

the pay Roll. I have delivered him that were in my possession, but I suppose must have a regular Roll of all the Troops that served under your command while the Enemy were on our Coast.

Lt. Colo. Nixon. With great &c
David Mitchell.

From Governor Mitchell & Town of Washington
to
Governor Blount &c April 21. 1815.

Dear Sir

I had the satisfaction to receive your letter of the 11th inst. informing me that the Arms intended for General Jackson had arrived at Nashville. By the next Mail I will transmit to you a written authority to deliver it to the General. A severe indisposition at this moment prevents my preparing the papers, otherwise they would have accompanied this communication.

My Excellency
Wm. Blount.

I am &c
David Mitchell.

Nashville Governor's Office, June 6th 1809

to

Governor Blount.

Dear Sir

I transmit to you an official authority to deliver to Major Genl Andrew Jackson the sword which the Legislature of this State directed to be presented to him and also a letter to the General upon this subject.

I am confident that it will give you pleasure to act as my agent on this occasion, and I assure you Sir, that I know of no one upon whom the commission could be more worthily conferred.

I am &c
David Hoskins.

His Excellency
Willie Blount
Governor of the State of Tennessee.

David Hoskins Governor of the Mississippi Territory,

To all who shall see these Presents.

Be it known that I do hereby authorize

communication and enclosed his Excellency Willie Blount, Governor of the State of Tennessee to deliver to Major Genl Jackson for and on behalf of the Governor of this Territory, an Sword which the Legislature thereof, by a Resolution of the 21st January 1814, directed to be presented to the said Major Genl Andrew Jackson, as a testimonial of the high sense the people of the Mississippi Territory entertained of the services rendered in the war against the Creek Nation of Indians.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Territory, this 5. day of May 1815.

David Holmes

From the Governor of Mississippi Territory, to General Jackson

5. May 1815.

Sir

I deliver to you thro: the hands of his Excellency Governor Blount, a Sword which the Legislature by a Resolution of the 21st January 1814, directed to be presented to you as a testimonial of the high sense the People of this Territory entertained of the services you rendered in the war against the Creek Indians.

These Services which saved a considerable part of our Citizens from savage cruelty, impressed the hearts of all the most grateful sensibility for the Chief who commanded, the brave troops composed his victorious army, and the patriotic Militia that so promptly determined to avenge the injuries we had suffered.

The Representatives therefore by expressing their gratitude and offering to you this token of respect for those Talents which enabled you to terminate successfully a War of the most daring nature have done but Justice to the unanimous sentiment of their constituents.

The State glorious achievements in which they gave a share, your character, will enable the faithful Historian to exhibit to posterity an useful example of what a brave and patriotic People animated by an Genius that expands with the Exigencies and emergency of the Moment, can accomplish in defence of their Country.

Accept, General, the sincere, from the Citizens of the Mississippi Territory, a People who will never forget what you have done for them,

while they set a just value on the security they
have in you.

In the discharge of this official
n duty which I feel a pride and pleasure
in performing, I must be permitted to assure
you of my unalterable esteem for your personal
virtues and of my highest respect for that
spotless reputation which you have so justly
acquired with the public.

Major Genl Jackson. I have &c
David Holmes.

To the Sheriff of Amite County.

Town of Washington 15. May 1815

Sir

The Governor of the State of Louisiana in pursuance of the act of Congress has demanded of the Executive of this Territory certain persons who stand accused of the crime of Negro stealing in the State over which he presides.

Their Names are John H. McConnell, James McConnell Robert Lowry, John Lowry and Lewis McGee and Jarvis. All these persons except the first mentioned I am officially informed have been recognized to appear at the last term of the Superior Court of Amite County to answer to a charge of larceny. How far upon the crime may not be true, but continued

until the term that is to be held in this co

You are hereby required as soon as the said John H McConnell, Jeney B McConnell, Robert [illegible] John Lowery, and Levi Magee or either of them shall be discharged by the said superior Court of [illegible] County, either by being acquitted of the crime of [illegible] punished according to law, to arrest them and each of them and to deliver their person to Samuel Oliver who is legally empowered to receive and convey them to the State of Louisiana. You are required forthwith to arrest John Furman and to deliver him to the said Samuel Oliver to be conveyed to the State aforesaid.

You will report to me the manner in which you may have executed the duty hereby enjoined and consider this communication as your authority for acting

David Mortimer
Gov Mississippi Territory.

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To the sheriff of Amite County

Fort Stoddert 11th May 1805

Sir

I inclose to you a duplicate of my communication of the 13th inst forwarded by the last Mail. If Samuel Oliver the Agent for the State of Louisiana should not be present, or if the persons mentioned in the communication are arrested You

mile of earned [redacted] to them in [redacted] conformable to the Act of Congress respecting Pay Rolls from pay: :tace.

Office of Amite County. [redacted] David Hosey.

Head Qrs. the Governor's Town of Raymond,
to
Lt: Colo: Perkins 26. May 1810.

Sir

Mr. John Linton of Natchez has been appointed District Pay Master and is authorized to pay the Militia of this Territory. He will enter upon the duties of his appointment so soon as he receives the Muster Rolls. You will therefore inform me by the earliest opportunity where the Rolls of your Command were lodged. I presume they were forwarded to the District Pay Master at Orleans. If so, Mr. Linton will be able to procure them in a short time. You will forward Muster Rolls of such Detachments as rendered service in case upon the frontiers of Mississippi County If Mr. Linton should not consider himself authorized to pay those corps, I shall make an application to the Government upon the subject.

Lt: Colo: Perkins. I have &c
David Hosey.

From the Governor to John Graham Esq.

Dept of War 8th June 1815.

Sir

In the Commission for the four additional members of the Legislative Council, of this Territory, a Mistake has been made by inserting the name of Robert Beatty instead of Robert Peatty. While you are pleased to refer to the nomination and request the Secretary to authorize me to correct the error.

I am Sir
Your Ob. Servt.
David Holmes.

John Graham esq:
Sec. Terr. Dept. State.

From the Governor to the Secretary at War

Dept of Washington.
2nd June 1815.

Sir

Mr. John Linton who has been authorized to pay the Militia of this Territory informs me that several of the Muster Rolls are too informal to justify him in paying the troops according to his instructions from the Pay Master General.

In some instances the Corps have mustered by Militia Officers when they ought to have been commanded by Officers of the United States. It frequently happens that a

regular Officer could not be procured to [illegible]
this duty. In such cases a Militia Officer may
: rally ordered to muster the Detachment upon
arrival at the place of Rendezvous.

When General Mowry was in command of the
District, he did not consider himself authorized
to call upon the Executive of this Territory for
any portion of the Militia. This was another reason
: ble to having the corps regularly mustered into the
service of the United States. Shortly after the fall
of Fort Miro I ordered to the Eastern frontier four
troops of Dragoons, two companies of mounted Riflemen, and
several companies of Infantry. The Dragoons serv-
: ved two months and an half. They were never
mustered, as I am informed, by an Officer of
the regular army the consequence, I presume, of the
General's entertaining the opinion I have stated.
The mounted Riflemen and Infantry served out the full term
of six months. I forwarded to the War Depart-
: ment a muster roll of each company and
troop and requested that the force might be considered
in the service of the United States. I also trans-
: mitted a Copy of my correspondence with
General Mowry which fully explains our
respective opinions upon this subject.

I am persuaded that there would be no dangers
of the public being injured on the Mex Frontier

may direction to pay upon such vouchers as can unquestionable evidence of the service having been ren: made, altho: they might not be strictly conformable to the regulations of the Pay Master's office.

Almost every Officer in this Territory will be to perform Military Duty may serve a term of six months during the late War, either in person or by substitute. Very few have received any compensation. I hope therefore that such instructions will be given to Mr Linton as will enable him to do justice to Men who have on every occasion repaired with cheerfulness to the field when called by their Country.

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Wm Clo
Secretary at War.

I have &c
David Hastings.

Augusta 1849.

By David Hastings, Governor of the Michigan Territory.

A Proclamation

Whereas it hath been duly certified to me that Peter Hauenstein has been tried for the crime of Larceny, at the late January term of the Superior Court of Washtenaw, and has been convicted of the said crime, and sentenced to the Michigan State Prison

Judge who presided at the aforesaid trial, and the Jury who found the accused guilty with a humble hope recommended the said Peter Hawthorn to the clemency of the Executive.

Now Know Ye, That I having maturely considered the recommendation aforesaid do pardon and remit the corporal punishment which the said Peter Hawthorn is liable under the law to receive in consequence of his being found guilty as aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Territory this 9 day of June 1815.

Daniel Mahony.

From the Governor

To the Depy. Commissary of Ordinance at Orleans.

Town of Natchitoches,

Sir June 11th. 1815.

I inclose to you an order from Major Genl. Jackson, for two six pound brass field pieces. I have to request that you will have them forwarded to Natchez by the Steam Boat. The Duplicate Receipts are herewith transmitted.

I am &c

Daniel Mahony.

From the Governor
to
Gob: Moore

Town of Boyington
June 14. 1815.

Sir

By your letter of the 11 May came to hand yesterday.

The Commissions for Ephraim Anderson as Justice of the Peace, and Robert Trial as Sheriff for Madison County have been forwarded.

Gob: Moore esq:

David Stone.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo: Smoot

Town of Boyington,
5. June 1815.

Sir

I inclose to you a Commission of Lt. Colo: Commandant of the 6th Regiment which you are requested to accept. Be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of this Communication by Mail.

I have &c
Lt. Colo: Smoot.

David Stone.

From the Governor to Lt. Colo: Mezon

Town of Boyington 16. June 1815

Capt Bird will deliver to you the roll

[illegible] to appears that the Men were in the service of the United States. Thirty Rolls declare them to be in the service of the Territory, which renders it impossible for the Pay Master to receive them on vouchers.

Lt Colo. Nixon. David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
The Hon[ble] James Monroe

Town of Washington,
20. June 1815.

Sir

I have been very unwell for the last two or three Months, and am advised that a journey to the North, would be the surest means of restoring me to health. I therefore request that you will have the goodness to solicit the President's permission for me to visit Washington City this ensuing fall. I have another inducement for making this request, which is that I may have an opportunity of settling my accounts with the public. If it is my intention to set out early in September next, provided I shall obtain the President's permission.

I have &c.

David Holmes.

The Hon[ble]
James Monroe.

From the Governor
to
John Taylor esq.

City of Washington
28. June 1813.

Sir

I have been informed by Mr Henry Cox, an Officer in Captain Calvits company of Mounted Gunmen that you were deficient in making any allowance for the use and rent of the Horses, Arms &c. while the Troop was employed in the service of the United States.

The act under which this allowance is claimed passed the 2d January 1795. You will find it in the Regulating Law Book 1st. May 1813. page 163. I refer you to the 2d Section which declares that the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Cavalry, shall be entitled in addition to their monthly pay to 40 cents per day for the use and rent of their Horses Arms &c. The Section relates altogether to Militia.

The word Cavalry is the general Denomination for all troops that serve on horseback. If you intended it to extend to regular troops they must be armed Mounted Riflemen or Mounted Infantry.

may be called Cavalry with as much
ity as light or heavy Dragoons. The
: inclosed are merely descriptive of the manner
in which the Corps is armed, and dressed.
I Reference to the Etymology of the word
Cavalry, will satisfy you of the correctness of
my opinion, and I trust will remove all
doubt of the propriety of Mounting the Volun-
teers.

I am &c
David Holmes.

John Hunter esq:
Pay Master.

By David Holmes, Governor of the
Mississippi Territory,

A Proclamation.

Whereby by a treaty entered into by
Major Genl Andrew Jackson, on the part
of the United States, with the Chiefs, Warriors
and Warriors of the Creek Nation on the 9th
of August 1814, the title of the said Creek Na-
tion has been extinguished to a certain tract of
Country lying within this Territory; And Where-
as it is essential to the Preservation of good order
and to prevent the Laws of the Territory from

be exercised with impunity, that the
: doctrine of the civil officers thereof shall
be extended over the said Territory:
Therefore Know Ye, that by virtue of
powers in me vested by Governor of the Mississippi
Territory, I do hereby erect all that part
County to which the Indian title may extinguished
by the treaty aforesaid, into a County, and do
hereby order and declare that the said County shall
be called and known by the name of Monroe,
and I do further declare, that the Laws of the
Mississippi Territory and the Ordinances and acts
of Congress relative thereto, are in force within
said County.

And Moreover I do enjoin the Inhabitants of
the said County of Monroe, to be obedient to the
laws and to respect the rights that have become
to the Creek Nation of Indians by the treaty a-
foresaid.

In testimony whereof, I have
caused the Seal of the Mississippi Ter-
: ritory to be hereunto affixed, and
signed the same with my hand.

Done at the Town of Washington the twenty
ninth day of June A.D. 1815. and in the thir-
: ninth year of the Independence of the United
States of America. David Holmes

Transcript of the foregoing from
1 January 1814 to the 30 June 1815, [illegible]
written to the Department of State.

12. July 1815.

From the Governor
to
Judge Symmes

Town of Washington. 1st July 1788

Dr Sir, I take the liberty of requesting you to hold a [illegible] in Warren County for the purpose of qualifying Wm. Downs as Clerk. Several applications have been made to me by individuals upon this subject.

It is evident that those who have business in court must be delayed of their legal remedies until he is authorised to act: and in some instances it is probable that actual loss may be incurred

Yrs &c

Hon'ble Judge Symmes &c

Danl. Morgan

From the Governor
to
Judge Symmes

Town of Washington N. W.
3rd July 1788

Dear Sir.

I received your letter of the 29th May and 5th June by mail, and sincerely thank you for the information they contain.

I have erected the Tract of Country, acquired by the late Treaty with the Indians, into a County, and now transmit to you several copies of the Proclamation announcing the measure; which I will thank you to have forwarded to the different Settlements.

I also have sent to you a few civil commissions blanks. These you will be pleased to have filled according to the best information you can procure.

I have not seen Col. Carson since I received your

letter, but expect to meet with him [redacted]

It is probable that he will be able to give me the names of some characters who will be proper to appoint to office.

For several weeks past I have been extremely unwell. While I was confined to my bed I received a letter from General Harris, and before I was sufficiently recovered to answer it, I understood that he had left your part of the Country. Will you be pleased to let me know where a letter would probably reach him.

With Kr.
David Rollins

Hon: Wm. Faulkner

N.B. I have appointed Wm. Fisher Sheriff of Monroe conformably to your recommendation.

D. R.

From the Governor
to
Colo. George Nixon

Town of Washington,
5th July 1850.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter by Mr. Pannell and also the packages for Mr. Linton.

I wrote to the Government some time ago respecting Mr. Linton's objections to the Muster Rolls. I entertain no doubt but that the Secretary at War will direct him to pay upon all Rolls that contain unexceptionable evidence of the service having been performed; whether the Troops were mustered by an officer of the Militia or by one of the regular Army. I have not as yet

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you in favr of Philip Hay for ~~one~~ the amount of his Salary as Interpreter to the Indians for the Quarter ends on the first day of this month.

Secy at War

Dft Davd Holmes

From the Governor
to
L. A. Sturman Esq.

From of Washington
12 July 1815

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th inst.

I regret that it is inconvenient for you to hold the office of Justice of the Peace.

Your resignation of that office is accepted

Law Dpt

L. A. Sturman Esq

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
The Secretary of State

From of Washington
12 July 1815

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you, a transcript of the Journals of the Executive proceedings of this Territory from the 1st January 1814, until the first of July 1815.

I have the honor to be &c

Fonvielle Lewis Murrayne
Secty of State

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Joseph Alvin

Town of Washington
13th July 1810

Sir,

Your resignation as Sheriff of the County of Franklin is this day accepted and Thomas B. Pickett has been appointed your Successor in that office

Jr. Alvin Esqr. Cmt

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Thos. B. Pickett Esqr.

Town of Washington
13th July 1810.

Sir,

I have this day appointed you Sheriff of the County of Franklin. You will enter into Bond conformably to law

Thos. B. Pickett Esqr. Cmt

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
The Secretary of the U. S. Treasury

Town of Washington
18th July 1810.

Exchange $156.25.

Ten days after sight of this my second Bills, the first of the same tenor and date being unpaid, pay unto Lotuis Turpin or order one hundred and fifty six dollars twenty five cents, being the amount of disbursements made on account of the contingent expences of the Government of this Territory from the 1st of January until the first of July in the present year.

Hon.ble The Secretary of the Treasury. Washington City Cmt

David Holmes
Gov. Wisc. Terry.

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From the Governor
To
Colo. Joseph Carson

Town of Washington
July 18. 1815.

Dear Sir,

Received from the Secretary of the Treasury a letter dated 13th Inst. requesting me to take immediate measures to put an end to the commission of certain Trespasses upon public Lands on the Alabama. It appears that the Government have received information that large quantities of Cedar have been plundered from those lands. You will without delay commence prosecutions against all persons who have been concerned in such illegal practices.

I enclose to you a copy of the Secretary's letter.

I must request that you will take new Bonds from the several Clerks and Sheriffs east of Pearl river. Part of the Bonds that have been forwarded to the Executive are incorrect.

David Holmes

Colo. Jo. Carson 3

P.S. I have to request that you will ascertain the facts as far as it may be in your power respecting the Trespasses committed upon the Alabama and forward to me a Statement of the result of your enquiries.

David Holmes

From the Governor
To
Judge Toulmins

Town of Washington
18th July 1815.

Dear Sir,

I enclose to you a copy of a letter which

I receive from the Secretary of the Treasury, returns of certain Trespasses that have been committed upon the public lands in the Alabama.

I wish thank you to procure such information as you can conveniently obtain respecting these depredations and to forward to me a statement of the results of your inquiries by the earliest opportunity.

With great respect &c.

Lady Goulburn

David Holmes

(Circular Letter)

From the Governor

to

David Williams, Colo. West and Robert Beatty Esquires

Town of Washington

July 18th 1805.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that you have been appointed by the President of the United States a member of the Legislative Council of this Territory.

You will be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of this communication by the earliest opportunity.

David Williams, Colo.
West & Robert Beatty Esqrs

Town &c.

David Holmes

From the Governor

to

Hon. James Wilkinson

Town of Washington

20th July 1805.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the Register of appointments made by the Executive of this

Treasury from the 1st day of January 1815 to 1st day of July 1815.

With the highest respect
Your ob.t Sv.t
David Holmes

Hon.: James Monroe

From the Governor
to
The Secty of the Treasury

Town of Washington
25th July 1815

Sir

On the 18th Inst I drew a Bill upon you in favor of Willis Turpin for one hundred and sixty six dollars twenty five cents being the amount of disbursements made on account of the contingent funds from the 1st of January to the 1st July in the present year.

I have the honor to be &c.
David Holmes

Hon.ble
A.J. Dallas.

From the Governor
to
The Gov.r of South Carolina

Town of Washington
28th July 1815

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose to your Excellency a copy of a letter from the Sheriff of Baldwin County stating that William Ethridge against whom I had issued a warrant in pursuance of your demand died some days before the Sheriff went to his house for the purpose of arresting him.

I have the honor to be &c.
David Holmes

His Excellency,
William Hawkins,
Governor of North Carolina

From the Governor
To
Hon.ble A. J. Dallas

Town of Washington
29th July 1810

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 17th instant.

Conformably to your request I have directed prosecutions to be commenced against all persons who have committed Trespass by plundering Cedar from the public lands on the Alabama. I have also taken measures to ascertain the facts connected with these depredations.

Should the common course of Judicial proceedings be insufficient to put an end to these trespasses, I presume it would be proper to resort to the more certain remedy of removing such persons from the public lands as continue to offend in this respect.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

Hon.ble A. J. Dallas Secy

David Holmes

Qualification of the Secretary.

The Commission of Secretary of the Mississippi Territory being received by Nathaniel A. Ware Esqr. This day the following oath to support the Constitution, and oath of office were administered to him Viz. "You do solemnly swear in the presence of almighty God to support the Constitution of the United States: So help you God"

"You do solemnly swear in the presence of almighty God to demean yourself well and discharge the duties of the office of Secretary of the Mississippi Territory agreeably to law and the best of your Judgment: So help you God"

6th August 1810. (Signed) David Holmes

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From The Secretary
to
Wm. Hunt Esqr.

Fort of Washington
12th Augt 1815.

Sir. His Excellency Governor Hobson being much indisposed, he requests me to answer your letter and to assure you, that steps will be taken to guard your settlement against the grievance you speak of.

But he requests me at the same time to protest to you against any violence on your part. When individuals undertake to wrong themselves, contrary to law, or any insult or injury inflicted by Indians, the Government never fails to leave them to their fate; and, in addition, to punish them under the laws prohibiting it. For it is a known custom of Indians to retaliate indiscriminately, which involves the innocent with the guilty. Under this appearance, the Governor is convinced no violent measures will be pursued

The granting of the licence you speak of, appertains to the County Court of the County.

(Wm. Hunt Esqr.)

Respectfully &c.
Jno. Ca. Ware. Secty.
of the Miss. Territy.

From The Secretary
to
The Secty. of War

Washington.
21st August 1815.

Sir. In consequence of the very serious misapprehension of His Excellency Governor Hobson, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the fourteenth of June, enclosing a copy of the Instructions given to the Commissioners for treating

with the Northern Indians. I beg leave to assure you Sir, that the Executive of this Territory will duly appreciate the views of the President of the United States in relation to the Indians, and will co-operate with the proper authorities to carry them into effect.

The Executive of this Territory is in possession of no information calculated to produce a belief that the Creek Indians above the line of Demarcation are inclined to hostilities. On the contrary they seem entirely disposed to abide the stipulations of the Treaty lately entered into with the United States. Their disposition will the better be made appear by a reference to a letter received from Henry Tomlinson one of the Judges for the Territory: a copy of which I beg leave to enclose for your perusal.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your most obedient Servant
A. B. Meare

A. J. Dallas
Secty. of War pro tem

From the Secretary
to
Joseph Carson Esqr.

Washington
5th Sept. 1812

Sir,

The Governor being very much indisposed refers to me the answering of your letter of the 28th ultimo. He has authorized me to fill up a commission for Wm. Lyon, as Clerk; which has been forwarded to him.

Representations unfavorable to James Ware as Justice of the Peace for Jackson County, have been made to the Governor. He requests me to beg that you will enquire into the conduct of said Ware, and if you find his conduct such as to authorize

to, he wishes you to fill up a Commission for another having Blanks.

It is also represented that the Records & Books of Court in Jackson has not delivered over the Records agreeably to the law made and provided in that subject. In case upon enquiry you find him in default, His Excellency wishes you to enforce the law.

The Governor hopes you will continue to give all the information, touching that section of the Territory, that comes within your knowledge, worthy of note.

Sir, Yours very respectfully

N. A. Ware. Secty. N.J.

Hon. D. Lawrence

From the Secretary

to

Washington

David Lee Esqr.

6th Sept. 1815.

Sir.

His Excellency, the Governor being much unwell has requested me to answer your letter addressed to Mr. Rankin relative to the extra Justices of the Quorum in your County, and request you to show this letter to Mr. A. Butler and inform him that there has been a mistake in the business, and that he must consider himself out of Commission: unless on enquiry you find there has been a resignation so as to make a vacancy, in that case let Mr. Butler remain. The Governor was induced to believe, there was a vacancy, by some person from your County: perhaps innocently

A. A. Ware

Secty. Nj. Ty.

David Lee Esqr.

to
The Secretary of War

Washington 17th September
1870

Sir,

His Excellency Governor Holmes having been severely ill, and yet too much indisposed to address you authorizes me to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 17th Ultimo: and to inform you Sir, that the Superintendent of Indian Trade has never corresponded with the Indian Tribes in this Territory through the Executive office, nor is the Governor of this Territory privy to the disbursement made or the commercial arrangements entered into with the several tribes in this Quarter. He regrets therefore that he cannot in any definite manner give the information required. His Excellency has however caused copies of the resolution of the Senate to be forwarded to the several agents of the Indian tribes in this Territory, with a request that they would furnish the information required through the Executive of the Territory unless they be called on directly from your Department.

His Excellency, as soon as health will permit, will readily state to your Department his views and observations pursuant to your request.

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Sv't
Wm. M. Wilson
Sec. Ter. Ok.

Hon'ble Wm. A. Crawford Esqr.
Secty. of War

From the Secretary (Circular)
to
Col. W. Cooley agents of Chickasaws
Col. J. McKee do. to Choctaws
Col. B. Hawkins, or acting agent
to Creek Indians

Washington
17th Sep. 1870

Sir.

The Secretary of the War Department has transmitted to the Executive of this Territory the enclosed resolution of the Senate with a request that the information therein called for should be furnished to him.

The Executive of the Territory not being the medium through which communications have been made or intercourse carried on with the Indian Tribes has directed me to transmit the Resolution of the Senate to you Sir, and to request that such facts as are already by the War Department you would collect and transmit to the Executive of this Territory the information required; to enable him to make the necessary communication.

Very Respectfully Sir, Your Most obt. St.

Jno. A. Quitman
Secty. Miss. Ty.

Lieut. A. Banks. Choctaw agt
" J. McKee Chickasaw do
" B. Hawkins or acting agent of such Indians

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* Copy this Sheet, according to date.

Writ of Election - for Adams County.

Daniel Holmes - Governor of the Mississippi Territory of the United States. To the Sheriff of Adams County

Whereas: Nathaniel A. Ware esquire a member elect of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Territory for the County of Adams has resigned his seat. I do therefore by this writ authorising and requiring you to hold an election conformably to law, in your County on

monday the 30th day of October next. for the purpose of electing a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by said resignation.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Territory at the Town of Washington this 16th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen and in the 40th year of the Independence of the United States of America

David Holmes

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* From the Secretary
to
— Philips

Washington
12th September 1815

Sir.

I am directed by his Excellency to inform you that the Commission of Constable is revoked in consequence of your not giving security as the Law requires

Your Hble
Jno A. Wood
Secty Mississ Ty.

— Philips Esq.

See Page [illegible]

By the acting Governor.

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A Proclamation

Whereas Nicholas A. Wood Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, executing the Powers and performing the duties of Governor of the same — To all who shall see these presents — Be it known; That for divers and sufficient reasons thereunto

Morning, and by virtue of the Power vested I do remit that part of the sentence of the Supreme court of Adams County that inflicts the punishment of Death on John Evans, and upon all who are charged with the execution of the same, under the authority of the court, to the observance of these presents. Given under my hand and seal of the Territory at the Town of Washington the 20th of October 1815.

N. P. Moore.

To the Sheriff of Adams County.

From the Governor
to
Lt. Colo. Nixon

Washington
20th Sept. 1815.

Dear Sir,

For six weeks past I have been confined with indisposition and of course have been unable to attend to any business.

Mr. Linton still refuses to pay upon the Rolls where the Troops were mustered by a Militia officer. I expect in eight or ten days to set out for the United States and am confident that I shall be able to leave this business adjusted with the Government to the satisfaction of the men who rendered the service. Be past. I entertain no doubts but that payment will be ordered.

I am inclined to think that the appropriation for the Quarter Masters Department has been expended and that your accounts cannot be paid until Congress meet. Yours with esteem

David Holmes

From The Governor
to
The Secretary Misp. Terry.

Town of Washington
6th Octo. 1815.

Sir.

I am this moment about to leave the Territory for the United States. The administration of the Executive Branch of the Government of course now devolves upon you.

With great Respect
Your Obt.
David Holmes
Govr. Misp: Terry.

Nathl. A. Ware Esqr.
Secy. Misp: Terry.

From The Secty. of Misp. Ty
Exercising the Powers and performing
the Duties of the Governor of the same

to

Washington

The Honble James Monroe.
Secretary of State -

10th October 1815

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that his Excellency Governor Holmes left this Territory for the United States, on this day: being urged thereto by his long indisposition and considerations of health.

I have the honor also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter inclosing the Presidents proclamation against persons engaged in unlawful expeditions to Mexico &c.

It has been duly published here. - and, I can assure you Sir, that due vigilance will be exercised to detect and prevent it within this Territory. The State of Louisiana is however, the Theatre of those preparations.

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With every Sentiments of Respect. I have
the Honor to be your most Obt Servt

Jno A. Ware

Secretary Miss. Terry

The Honble James Monroe
Secty of War ——

From the Secty of the Mississippi
Territory, exercising the Powers and
performing the Duties of the
Governor of the same

to

Governor Claiborne

Town of Washington
10th October 1815

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose to your Excellency
a copy of an Indictment (found a true Bill) against
George Jno Reagan, charged with the crime of Perjury
And, pray you Sir, to cause him to be arrested and
confined, until a person authorized to receive him in
behalf of the Mississippi Territory may be sent to take
charge of him. Reagan lives in the Parish of
Concordia a few miles below Natchez.

I shall be thankful for any information of his
capture.

I am Sir your Excellency's
Obt and humble Servant

Jno C. Ware. Secty. of
the Miss. Terry. exercising
the Powers of the Governor
thereof.

His Excellency
Gov. Claiborne
New Orleans

From The Secty. of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of Governor of the Same

to

His Excellency David Holmes

Town of Washington

18th Oct. 1815

Sir.

Mr. Turpin and myself have in vain searched for the Commission of the four additional Councils since your departure; and have concluded that you packed it up with your private papers. Will you have the goodness to make a little search; and if unsuccessful, please give me your opinion how I shall act without it at the meeting of the Legislature.

I am Respectfully Sir. your most obt.

N. A. Ware.

His Excellency
David Holmes
Lawn

From The Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Power and performing the Duties of Governor of the same.

Town of Washington

19th Octo. 1815

to

The Honorable H. Toulmin

Dear Sir.

Governor Holmes having informed me before he left the Territory, that he had put 3 blank commissions in your hands to make appointments in Monroe County, I wish you if convenient, to inform

one how many appointments you have made and whom, that I may have the Register of Officers complete. And this information becomes necessary because the Commissions signed by his Excellency could not be filled up after he was separated from us.

Do sir. when you write, give me any information relative to Monroe and other County Officers within your power.

Very Respectfully, I have the honor to be.

N. A. Ware

Hon. W. H. Tolman &c

A Reprieve -

Nathaniel A. Ware, Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of Governor of the same - To all who shall see these presents: Be it known: That for divers considerations thereunto moving, and by virtue of the Powers in me vested. I do remit that part of the sentence of the Superior Court of Adams County that inflicts the punishment of Pillory on William Howard, and upon all who are charged with the execution of the same under the authority of the court to the observance of these presents.

Given under my hand and seal of the Territory at the Town of Washington the 20th day of October 1810.

N. A. Ware.

The Sheriff of Adams County &c

A Bill of Exchange. drawn by
The Secretary of the Mississippi
Territory, exercising the Powers
and performing the Duties of
The Governor of the same,

on

The Secretary of War

Town of Washington

30th Octo. 1815

"Ten days after date of this my first of exchange,
second of the same tenor and date unpaid, pay to
Philip Hay seventy five dollars for his Salary as Indian
Interpreter to the Choctaws Nation, for the quarter ending
on the 30th day of September 1815.

W. C. Ward
Secretary of the Mississ.
Territy. exercising the
Powers and performing
the Duties of the
Governor of the same

The Honble
Wm H. Crawford
Secretary of War.
Washington City

From The Secretary of the Mississippi
Territory. exercising the Powers and
performing The Duties of the Governor
of the Same.

to

Addin Lewis Esqr

Town of
Washington

1st Novr 1815

Sir.

His Excellency Governor Holmes having left
the Territory, I have the Honor to answer yours; and
can only say, that to my knowledge, no provision on
the part of our Territory exists, embracing the case of the
Negroes you speak of. I shall on the meeting of the

Legislature. pass the necessity of passing some general Law. to suit the case. until which time, you must act as your discretion suggests.

I should be glad that you would make any communication relative to the situation and exegiencies of your part of the Territory that occurs to you.

Very Respectfully Sir. Your Most Obt. Sv.

N. C. Ware
Secretary of the Miss: Terty and exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of the Governor of the same

Adam Lewis Esq.

From the Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Powers, and performing the Duties of the Governor of the Same.

to

Lt Col. Peter Perkins

Town of Washington 1st Nov. 1815

Sir. The Governor on his departure from the Territory requested me to write to you, and inform you that the Muster Rolls of the Companies of Militia in service from Madison County, were not regular, and such as would be recognized by the Paymaster. He imagined requires them to have been mustered by some Regular officer of the United States Army duly authorised. Those that you sent on were mustered by Militia officers generally. You had therefore better write on to the

Governor at Washington City inclosing them, and request him to have the thing corected

You speak of Blank Commissions being forwarded you; I am sorry that this cannot be done. Agreeably to a regulation of this office the practice has been discontinued because it led to confusion in the Register of Appointments. I must therefore request of you to enclose a list of names that you wish appointed to any office in your Regiment.

Very Respectfully Sir.
Your most obt. St
Nath.l A. Ware. Secretary
of the Mississippi Territory
and exercising the Powers &c.

Lt. Col. Peter Perkins
Cmd

From the Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of the Governor of the Same.

to

The Honble. Wm. H. Crawford Esq.
Secretary of War —

Town of Washington
6th Nov. 1815

Sir,

I have drawn on you for seventy five dollars, in favor of Philip Hay, the Indian Interpreter, being for a quarters Salary of said Hay ending 30th September 1815.

Very Respectfully. I have the Honor to be your most Obt. Servant.

Nath.l A. Ware Secty.
Mississippi Territy.

Honble Wm. H. Crawford
Cmd

Town of Washington.

December 5th 1805

The following Gentlemen were qualified to serve as members of the House of Representatives at the first Session of the 1st General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory Viz.

William D. Baker, John Bond Junior, Edward Brandon, William Briscoe, William Brown, Anthony Campbell, William Crawford, Henry D. Downs, Joseph Dunbar Esqrs. Havens, John Hopkins, Samuel Postlethwait, Isaac D. Liston, Gabriel Moore, Hugh McVay, George Newman Stephen Saffold, Silas Shaw, Nathan Sprague, Edward Turner, Isaac Watts, James C. Watkins, William H. Winston, James Wood and Jesse Winborne.

Robert Beatty and Eli West Esquires, were qualified to serve as members of the additional Legislative Council.

Nath.l A. Howe Esqr. of the Miss.: Territ. administering Government of the same.

Message from the Secretary of the Mississippi Terry Exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of Governor of the same.

to

The Legislature of the Territory

Gentlemen of the Legislature Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

In the absence of our chief Magistrate, it becomes my duty to meet upon this occasion and make such communications to you as the state of our Territory may require.

I offer the first Gentlemen, to congratulate you that

the relations of peace are happily restored between our Mother Country and the Power with whom we were lately at War.

The arms of those brave officers the last defence of our high destinies; and crowned by the Territory of Florida by the proper exercise of her energies, resources alone, and with success against the Power that was formidable to all Europe. That the same energies through the same resources that the Citizens Country have evinced from the peaceful dispositions of our Government, and such peace to the Savages of our Country, in spite of foreign & domestic intrigue and excitement.

This display of our energies astonished many of our own resolute citizens, and now gave us the guarantee of a continued prosperity, that flatters our fondest wishes to advance our Interests.

The Territorial Legislature, will, no doubt, avail themselves of the pecuniary prosperity of our Country, & promote useful institutions. It will appear by the Treasurers Report, that for the year ending the 30th September 1826. The receipts, together with the Cash on hand amounted to about thirty five thousand dollars, a sum entirely adequate to meet the current expenses of the Territorial Government; and which could be increased, without being burthensome, to meet any additional expenditure that may be required.

Gentlemen, I feel it my duty to press upon your consideration, the crying necessity of having our laws again digested. It is a fact, that there is not a copy of the digested Laws now at the disposal of the Executive. It is also a fact that officers are daily appointed, not only in the new counties, but in the old divisions of the Territory. And although I am convinced be induced to accept and execute the Duties of

those officers, without the provisions of the Laws which
are sworn to observe. Unless such be enacted, it is in
the expectation of procuring those Laws, and surpassing
discharge of their duties until that event. Hence to
results, either that we have no officers, or that those of
have inserts, to often form necessity, are such officers
who are willing to perjure at the bar, or to prove their
clearance by the imperfections they may have committed
in the States from which they respectively emigrated.

You will find, Gentlemen, some omissions in the
existing Laws, that require correction. The Law compelling
Clerks to enter into Bonds, requires that those Bonds shall
be taken before the Court. It is necessary that provision
be made, for taking those Bonds in the vacation of
the court, to prevent a suspension of Office Business.

The Collector of the Port of Mobile, informs the
Executive, that some negroes have been seized, that were
brought into that Port contrary to the Laws of the United
States. You will observe, Gentlemen, that those Laws
subject such negroes to the disposal of the State or Territorial
Legislature within whose bounds they were seized. I therefore
submit to your consideration, the necessity of enacting
some general Law disposing of such property for the benefit
of the Territory.

In the Country lately acquired, by Treaty, from the
Creek Indians, Settlements of considerable importance
having formed, not embraced within the limits of any
County; the Governor in the recess of the Legislature established
by Proclamation, a new County including those Settlements to
be known by the name of "Monroe": which the Legislature
recognize: and organize that Country by a proper system

[illegible] Laws, and for the subscription of the Laws as [illegible]

The commission of the three additional Councils has been lost or mislaid; so, that it cannot be exhibited. The only evidence of the existence of such a commission, is a circular letter addressed by his Excellency Governor Robins to three Gentlemen, informing them of their appointments. I have, however, other evidence, sufficient to qualify those Gentlemen. As I can only presume to suggest to you, that a message of the former nature, and submit whether a nomination should not be made

I would suggest to the better information of the Legislature, whether the entirety of Interest, and sympathy of feeling, that exist in every community should not induce your Honorable Body to memorialize the National Government, to reimburse those unfortunate citizens on the Eastern Frontier, who have sustained loss by the incursions of the Indians; and also to quiet the large claims from Private grants of land, that threaten the western settlements of our Territory with distress.

By the accompanying documents, you will discover, Gentlemen, that in pursuance of a resolution of the last Session of the Legislature, at their last Session, a House has been erected for the use of your Honorable Body: and, that the camp Equipage and Military accoutrements of considerable value, are in the possession of the adjutant General; the property of the Territory. I would suggest the propriety of disposing of the [illegible] or providing for its safe keeping.

These suggestions are respectfully submitted, with my best assurances of co-operation in all acts calculated to promote the Interests of our Territory.

By the Governor. November 1815.

Arthur St. Clair

From the Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of Governor of the same

to

Colo. Charles Burrus.

Town of Washington

13th August 1801

Sir.

Your Letter of the 20th ult. came to hand, and I have commissioned Mr. Gaines as Major, and Doctor Maxey State Surgeon, agreeably to your recommendation.

I have to remark to you, that the appointment, and organization of the Staff of Civil and Military officers, inseparable from a general distribution of Blank commissions, has induced the Executive to decline sending abroad Blank commissions in future.

You will please have the goodness to recommend to the Governor, from time to time, such persons as you may think best qualified for offices that shall become vacant.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. St.
Nathl. A. Ware Secy.

Colo. Chas. Burrus

From the Secretary of the Mississippi Territory, exercising the Powers and performing the Duties of Governor of the same.

to

Major Samuel Gaines.

Town of Washington

24. Nov. 1801

Dear Sir,

I enclose to you the commission

[illegible] in the Regiment of Cavalry. As the duty is not [illegible] your [illegible] you; but [illegible] of the Regiment not being duly organized.

You will be pleased to put the Troop you command in a train to be [illegible] as soon as practicable.

I am Respectfully, Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
A. Ward

Maj. Samuel Dale &c &c &c

From the Secretary
to
Colo: Samuel Dale

Board of Navigation
30 November
1830

Sir: There having been a person commissioned in the Militia of your County or District, except yourself such person as Colo. of the 20. Regt (that being the number of yours) to organize said Militia into battalions, assigning districts within which to hold primary elections, as Captains and Subalterns and Field officers, having regard to the convenience of settlements and

as soon as practicable to recommend suitable persons for offices and send me a list.

Col. Wm. Hamilton who has settled on the Cahaba has been named to me as a Captain, concerning whom you can enquire, and add to your list if you find him deserving. You will no doubt select good and worthy men for from every information I have confidence in your integrity and judgment.

I am &c

Gov. Sam[l] Dale

&c &c &c

From the Secretary in the absence of the Governor to Governor Claiborne

Town of Washington 19 December 1815.

Sir

I have the honor to state to you that G. M. Reagan, of Concordia, the person demanded of your Excellency, on the charge of perjury, has come within the Territory, and is about to surrender himself to the proper authority.

I have therefore to request of your Excellency, to suspend all proceedings against him for the present, as he wishes to avoid the disgrace of a process compulsory, operating imme-

clearly upon him, being under the impression that he will be acquitted of the charge.

Governor Claiborne to Mr. Graves

Transcript of the foregoing forwarded to the Department of State.

From the Secretary (Town of Washington)
in the absence of the (25th January 1816
Governor to
Mr. McCrawford)
Secretary at War.)

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that I drew an order in favor of Philip Fleay, the Interpreter of the Choctaw Nation of Indians, for his Quarters Salary, ending 31 December 1815, being seventy four dollars, on the 12. instant. Which

I have &c.
Wm. McCrawford
Secy at War.

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From the Secretary
in the absence of the Governor
to
Lt. Colo. Kempe

Town of Washington
2nd February 1816.

Sir

I received yours of the 25. ultto and from your representation have determined to accept the Resignation of Lieut. Ivy and Cornet Boardman, of the 4th Troop of Cavalry, and you will as soon as practicable have that Troop officered and made efficient, or if in your discretion another Troop could be formed in this County, and appropriately substituted. It is with you to pursue that course. The Troop cannot be suffered to exist in its present state.

I am &c.
(Signed) Kempe

From the Secretary
in the absence of the Governor
to
Brigadier Genl Thomas Hinds.

Town of Washingtn.
24. Feby 1816.

Sir

I have received the proceedings of the Court Martial, called by your order of the 20. November 1816. for the trial of Lieut.

Colo Kop and Nathl Brown, have expressed
the same, and disapprove of the sentence of
said Court, and of the manner of executing
said sentence is referred to you Sir, Your direc-
tion will be your Guide. I suppose an order
discharging the Court will come very properly
from you. Please therefore prepare to that effect.

Brigadier General I have &c
Thomas Hinds. (Sd) (A Hare.

From the Secretary
in the absence of the Governor
to
Thomas Torrance esq.

Town of Washington
29th February 1816

(Circular

I have the honor to inform you that
a Commission has come on to this office appointing
you a Member of the Legislative Council of
the N.W. Territory
Thomas Torrance Esq. I am &c &c
(Sd) (A Hare)

From the Secretary
in the absence of the Governor
to
Parker Norton esq.

Town of Washington
4. March 1815.

Sir

In looking at the Law closely, I am

under the impression that the Public Printer is entitled to one Dollar and fifty cents per printing the first ten pages of Journals and one Dollar per page for the Journals of the House of Representatives, now delivered, and an additional 50 cents per page on the Laws so as to make up $1.50. the Pages of the Laws are 113. and of the Journals 304. the Law of the 16.th December 1811. governs I believe.

I am Sir with respect &c.
Yours &c.
W. C. Pope.

Sarh. Watkins Esq:
Auditor of Public accounts.

From the Secretary
in the absence of the Governor
to
Thomas Shields Esq.

Town of Washington,
22. March 1816.

Sir

I have rec.d yours of the 16. inst. and I now inclose to you a Commission for an Justice of the Peace at the Bay St. Louis, which Livingston and others having reported that the appointment should be made immediately. Upon other Recommendations shall be attended

to, except the Shawnee place that being already filled by a Mr McDale It affords me much pleasure to hear of your recovery.

Thomas Shields esq: I am &c

C A Harris

From the Secretary (Town of Washington.
in the absence of the Governor)
to) 1. April 1816.
The Secretary at War)

Few days after ~~date~~ eight of this my only Evening
Pay to the order of Philip Hoag sixty five
dollars, for his quarter salary, as Interpreter
to the Chactaw Nation, ending 31. March
1816.

Honble.
W. H. Crawford C A Harris
Secy. at War
Washington City.

From the Secretary
in the absence of the Governor (Town of Washington
to) 10. april 1816.
Colo. J. McKee)
Sir

I send you'l of the 31 ult and send you
all the Commissions named except for Kentucky,

who has been commissioned already Capt of the Mounted Rifflemen in Suggestion of Colo. Bird. I think your Member of Government is free. Harvey and McGowen inquiring are appointed to fill vacancies occasioned by the Desertion of your County. Should there be a Vacancy on enquiry I will appoint Mr Morton with pleasure.

Relative to the Military Furniture I can say nothing as the Legislature would do nothing with it. It is the intention of Governor Holmes to pay the money expended by the Secretary in those things reimbursed by the Genl Govern[ment]. In that Event it will be the property of the United States. We shall know more in the mean time, can you extend any credit, for the sake of the Secretary.

I am &c
for the Militia
(F. A. Hare.

To the Governor
Town of Washington
Red Wood } 18th July 1816.

Sir

Conformably to your Recommen[dation] of Saco I send commissions for the follow[ing] Officers of the 2d Regiment. David

Cleveland Major. Peter Dunn Captain. Thomas Newman Lieutenant. James Bullock Ensign, David Dixon Surgeon, these Commissions have been addressed to Major Cleveland.

Cols: Bond
21. Regt.

Jam's &c
David Holmes

From the Governor
To
Lt. Cols: Winston

Town of Washington
31. July 1816.

Sir.

Commissions have been made out conformably to the recommendations contained in your letter of the 30. of June. They will be delivered to you by Majr. Berry.

Lt. Cols. Winston.

Jam's &c.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
Mrs Patterson.

Town of Washington
10. Augt. 1816.

Sir.

I have this day written to your Father requesting his assistance in procuring a Sword for Brigr. Genl Hinds, which was directed to be presented to him by the Legislature of this Territory as a reward for his military services. Should Indisposition or any other cause prevent

your Letter from attending to this business, and for the favor of your to comply with my request.

Mr. Patterson. Yours &c
Vice Provost of the David Holmes.
University of Pennsylvania.

From the Governor
to
Robert Patterson esq.

Town of Washington
16 augt 1816.

Dear Sir

The Legislature of this Territory at their last session passed a Resolution directing a Sword to be presented by the Governor to Brigadier Gen'l Hinds, as a testamonial of the high sense which the People of the Territory entertain of his services while acting as Colonel of Cavalry, in the defence of New Orleans.

Permit me Sir, to ask of you the same assistance you so cheerfully afforded me, in procuring the Sword for General Jackson. At New Orleans General Hinds commanded a corps of volunteer Dragoons ordered from the Militia of this Territory, and for his gallant conduct in face of the Enemy received the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief, in General orders and on terms of the highest approbation.

The Sum of the Sword Blade may be

that of the east & thereof, the [illegible] of the Scabbard to be [illegible]. The [illegible] Territory, which is the Eagle, with the following inscription may be etched upon some [illegible] blade. "Presented by the Legislature of the Mississippi Territory, to Brigadier General Thomas Hinds in testimony of the high [illegible] of the Territory entertain of his military ability and those of his brave companions in arms whilst acting in the Defence of New Orleans"

You may direct such Emblems as you may think suitable to be placed on the blade, or any part of the work, that you think proper. I will thank you to make any alteration in the device which you may think advizable. It must however be conformable to the Resolution, a Copy of which is inclosed. I will forward to you a likeness of the General, as soon as it can be obtained. The work however need not be delayed on that account. I have concluded to limit the expense of procuring the sword to four hundred dollars. Whenever the work is finished I will thank you to deliver it to Wm. Chandler Price, Merchant of Philadelphia who will immediately discharge the account of the artist. Should you deem it proper to exceed the sum limited a few dollars, it will

not be material

Robt Patterson Esq. Dear Sir

Philadelphia Yours

Head Quarters

Town of Washington.

General Orders

October 3. 1836

The Recent outrages committed on the Flags of the United States by three armed Ships belonging to the King of Spain; in firing upon a small vessel of War of the United States without provocation, and by treating the Officers and Crew thereof with insult and cruelty, must excite the Indignation of all who justly appreciate the national Rights, and are sensible of the importance of supporting the national honor. It is impossible for us to say, whether this act of violence will be ultimately sanctioned by the Government of Spain, or whether it will be disavowed, and a suitable atonement made for the injury. The Commander in Chief, therefore, in this State of things deems it his duty to adopt such measures as will enable the Territory to take an efficient part, if it should become necessary, to repel

aggression or to resent indignity. He therefore ordered the following details to be made immediately.

From the Infantry there will be detailed, three companies, each to consist of one Captain, two Lieutenants one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals Two Musicians and ninety privates. viz.

From the Seventh Regiment, one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Musicians and ninety privates.

From the Sixteenth Regiment one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Ensign four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Musicians and ninety privates.

From the third Regiment, one Captains, three Lieutenants, one Ensign, six Sergeants, six Corporals, three Musicians, and one hundred and ten privates.

From the fourth Regiment, one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Ensign two Sergeants, two Corporals, one Musician and seventy privates.

From the fifth Regiment one Captain. One Lieutenant, three Sergeants, three Corporals, one Musician and sixty privates.

From the tenth Regiment one Lieutenant one Ensign, one Sergeant, one corporal, one Musician and twenty seven privates.

From the first Regiment, one Captain, three Lieutenants, one Ensign five Sergeants five corporals, two Musicians, and ninety Eight privates.

From the second Regiment, one Captain

one Lieutenant, one Ensign, three Sergeants, three Corporals, two Musicians and Eighty two Privates.

From the Eleventh Regiment, one Captain, one Ensign, two Sergeants, two corporals, two Musicians and thirty four Privates.

From the Twenty first Regiment one Lieutenant one Sergeant, one Corporal and twenty Eight Privates.

From the Nineteenth Regiment one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Corporal, and twenty Eight Privates.

From the Thirteenth Regiment one Captain, one Sergeant, one Corporal, one Musician, and twenty seven Privates.

From the Twelfth Regiment, one Lieutenant one Sergeant one Corporal, one Musician and twenty seven Privates.

From the Eighteenth Regiment, one Lieutenant One Sergeant, one Corporal and Eighteen Privates.

From the seventeenth Regiment the Ensign One Sergeant, one Corporal, and Eighteen Privates.

From the Sixth Regiment one Captain, one Ensign, two Sergeants, two Corporals, two Musicians and forty four Privates.

From the Ninth Regiment, one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Corporal & twenty eight Privates.

From the Eighth Regiment one Lieutenant, one ~~Ensign~~ Sergeant, one Corporal and Eighteen Privates.

From the Eighteenth Regiment, One Captain, One Lieutenant, three Sergeants, three Corporals, two musicians and Sixty two privates.

From the Fourteenth Regiment One Lieutenant, One Ensign, One Sergeant, One Corporal, and twenty eight privates.

From the Twentieth Regiment, one Captain, two Lieutenants, One Ensign, four Sergeants, four Corporals, two Musicians and ninety privates.

The Force thus ordered to be detailed is not to be prepared and held in readiness to march at the shortest notice. They will be raised either by voluntary offers of service or by draft.

The whole of the Cavalry of the Territory including the Mounted Gun Men, Capt Hoon's Company of Artillery, and all the volunteer Rifle companies will be in readiness to take the field when ordered.

Brigadier General Muir will command the Detachment. The Field Officers will be designated in a future order.

The Commander in Chief, with confident that the Militia of the Territory will on every occasion support that high character for promptitude & courage, which they so justly acquired during the late War.

David Holmes
Commander in Chief of the Militia
of the Mississippi Territory.

From the Governor
to
Robt. Brent esq

Town of Washington,
16. August 1816.

Sir.

When I had the pleasure of seeing you in the City of Washington, you informed me that arrangements would be immediately made for paying the Militia of this Territory and in order to do away any difficulty as to the want of mere form, that the Pay Master would be directed to pay upon such Rolls, as the Governor should certify. Mr Peirce has yet appeared here authorized to transact this business, which induces me to think that either your instructions have either been by some means unavoidably delayed or intentionally disregarded by the Person to whom they were given.

The Militia of this Territory during the late War rendered important services in the defence of the Country. In no part of the Union did Men turn out with more alacrity to meet the Enemy, or submit with more cheerfulness to dangers and Privations. Knowing as I do, how much you are disposed to have those who faithfully served their Country during the late contest, justly remunerated, I feel confident that this subject will claim your

early attention.

Lt. Burtbg. Pay Master Jewett. David Hoffman.

From the Governor
to
Colo: Saml. Dale

Town of Washington
13 August 1806.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you several Commissions conformably to the Recommendation contained in your letter of the date from Fort Claiborne.

The Legislature alone can afford the Representation of the Territory. The subject thereof of giving a Representation to the County of Monroe will come properly before that Assembly next session. In order to do away all doubt as to the propriety of Mr. McConnelly acting under his former commission another has been made out for him.

Lt. Colo: Saml Dale. I have &c
David Hoffman

From the Governor
to
Charles Nicholson

Town of Washington
13 August 1806.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your

letter of the 31. ultto. respecting John Lee, cond. charged with having committed a Murder within this Territory. Steps have been taken to procure the requisite Evidence upon which the Demand must be made, conformably to the Act of Congress. and I expect to be furnished with it in the course of two or three days. I shall then demand the Prisoner of the Executive of your State, and at the same time appoint an agent to receive and conduct him to this Territory.

Charles A. McElhiffe Esqr. } I am &c.
Kentucky. } David Holmes.

From the Governor of } Town of Washington
William B. Preston, esqr. } 22. August 1816.

Sir

I with thankfulness have a copy of the Inquest, returned by Charles Watts esqr. in the case against John Lee, charged with having committed a Murder; made out and certified and forwarded to me by Mail, or by a safe private conveyance,

William B. Preston esqr. } I am &c.
Gov. of Kentucky. } David Holmes

From the Governor Town of Washington,
Joseph Bowyer
Quarter.

I have written to Mr Thomas for a copy of the Inquest in the case of [illegible] but as it may not be returned to his office, I will thank you to procure a copy from the Mr Brady Watts the acting Justice

Mr Davis
acting as Law.

Yours &c
David Hoffman.

From the Governor Town of Washington,
Hon. A. Sheldon
Sec. Augt 1816.

Dear Sir I transmit to you two blank commissions, one for Sheriff, the other for Assessor and Collector of taxes in Hancock County.

Mr Duncan McCall was appointed to these offices, that of Sheriff in December last, and that of Assessor & Collector in March last. His letter declining the acceptance of both was not received by me until yesterday. It is important to this County as it is to the Territory that they should be immediately filled, but as I know of no person who is disposed to accept them, and as another Election would occasion much delay, I must beg the favor of you to

enquire for some capable person who will consent to serve and to fill up the commission with honor. If I have no objection to the office being awarded, if you can get a person to accept. I know Mr Mahaney.

I am &c
David Hobrey.

From the Governor
to
Lt Colo: Bond

Town of Washington
25. August 1816.

Sir I inclose to you a Commission for Lieutenant John Allin, agreeably to your Recommendation of the 14. inst. All the Commissions which you applied for previous to that date, were forwarded to you by private conveyance.

I am &c
David Hobrey

Lt Colo: Bond

From the Governor
to
Jno Howlett
Jr Marion
Pearl Riv

Town of Washington
29. August 1816.

I request that you write to me upon the inclosed appointment with the name of some person who can be relied upon to decline

Let [illegible] Territory [illegible] to receive a warrant in favor of the application of six earlier date. [illegible] to the Governor upon the subject will go in the Mail of this morning. I have not procured testimony that would justify me in demanding / according to the act of Congress respecting fugitives from Justice / any of the other persons mentioned in the Representation you signed.

The Legislature of this Territory I am confident will make a just remuneration to the agent for conducting Lee to Jefferson County. He cannot however be paid until they meet which will be on the first Monday in November.

Mr Howlin
or
J. J Mason

Yours &c
David Holmes.

David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these Presents.

Be it known that I do hereby appoint an agent on the part of this Territory, to receive the Body of John Lee, as fugitive from Justice, now lodged in the Gaol of [illegible] County, in the State of Kentucky: and do hereby authorize the said

agent to conduct the [illegible] to the County of Jefferson, and there to receive him to the Sheriff of the aforesaid County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Secretary this 29 day of August 1816.

David Holmes.

From the Governor of Mississippi
To
The Governor of Kentucky

Town of Washington
29 August 1816.

Sir I inclose to you a certified Copy of an inquisition taken before Charles Watts esq. a Justice of the Peace in Jefferson County, who was legally authorized to act as Coroner. From this Document, and the Depositions which are also transmitted, it appears that a certain John Lee committed a Homocide upon the body of a certain Reuben Williams in the County of Jefferson within this Territory I have been informed that Lee after having committed the crime fled to the State of Kentucky where he was apprehended and committed to the Jail of Nelson County. In conformity to the act of Congress respecting Fugitives from Justice, I request that your Excellency will cause the said John Lee to be delivered to the Agent who

[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted]
of Jefferson when he shall be subjected to a
legal trial.

His Excellency
The Governor of
Kentucky

[redacted]
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
William Crawford

Secretary of [redacted]
6 Sept. 1806.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 14. ult. and conformably thereto have made out a Commission for Daniel Pearce as a Justice of the Peace for Randolph County. Mr Morton, the Aidcamp, who transmits it to you under the usual instructions. You will be pleased to deliver the papers to Mr Pearce, provided Mr Elliott shall not have given security before they arrive. If on the other hand Mr Elliot has complied with the Law, and is engaged in the duties of the office, you will retain the Commission and instructions, as a new appointment would delay the public business. It will be very satisfactory to me to learn from you the earliest information respecting any changes that may happen in Pinnacle.

Treasury of the United States [illegible]

I accept my thanks for your [illegible]
proposing upon my safe return to the Secretary
Williams transfer &c. I am &c
David Hadley.

From the Governor
to
W. A. Rose Esq.

Town of Washington
8. Sept. 1816.

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 1st
containing your resignation of the office of Justice
of the Quorum for Mercer County. Conformably
to your recommendation, Mr. William Kapp
has been appointed to supply the vacancy. His
Commission is herewith transmitted

W. A. Rose Esq.

I have &c
David Hadley.

From the Governor
to
Hon. A. J. Dallas

Town of Washington
12. Sept 1816.

Sir I have this day drawn a Bill upon
you in favor of William Daugherty for two
hundred dollars, being the amount appropriated
by an act of the last session of Congress for the
payment of a Clerk in the office of the Secretary

of the Justices for the [illegible] of April & the 4th of August 1816. the Governor [illegible] with a Request for the Amendments herein [illegible] mitted.

Hon[ble]
A J Dallas.

Hawes Hg.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Colo. Jno H Eaty

Town of Washington,
12. September 1816.

Sir

I have received your letter by Mr Steen, and conformably to your recommendation have appointed Mr Nailor a Justice of the Peace for Laurence County, and also the following military officers, Samuel Pepper Capt. Owen Carpenter Lt. and Isaac Myers Ensign.

With Vc
Colo. J. H Eaty.

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Judge Jordan

Town of Washington,
16. September 1816.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Ware transmitted to you a license conformably to your request contained in your letter of the 20th. ultr, which was received a few days ago. Mr Johnson's License will of course be withheld. In fact, it was not my intention

to have granted it, as you do not state in your letter that you could vouch for his moral character. In future, unequivocal Evidence of an unquestionable reputation will be required from every person who may apply for license to practice Law. Your own Declaration in favor of any who may request you to recommend them, will always be considered sufficient.

I have heard but little said respecting the division of the Territory, nor can I form any opinion as to the course that the People West of Pearl River will pursue upon this important subject. The truth is, that I have less opportunity of becoming acquainted with the general sentiment upon any political Measure, than Many others, as I very seldom attend public Meetings of any description.

For some days past, a Report has been in circulation here, that Major Drew: was dead about the 28. ultto at Fort Jackson. I have not credited the Report, as I received a letter from that place dated on the 19. ultto stating that the Mayor was about to leave Fort Jackson on that day.

Your letter of the 18. August was not received yesterday. I am at a loss to account for the irregularity & uncertainty of the Mail between this place and your Quarter of the Country. I

Commission for Mr Baird as a Justice of the Peace is inclosed agreeably to your request.

Judge Toulmin

Jany 9th
David Holmes

From the Governor
to
William E Parker

Town of Washington
19. Sept 1816.

Sir Your Resignation of the office of Clerk of the superior Court of Law and Equity and Clerk of the County of Jefferson has been received, & Mr Philip Dixon who will deliver you this letter has been appointed your successor.

Jany 9th
William E Parker Esq.
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Colo: Shamburgh

Town of Washington
27. Sept 1816.

Sir

Your letter of the 31. ult. directed to the Secretary of the Territory, was received a few days ago. I am gratified to learn that you are authorized to pay the arrears due to the Militia of the Territory. From

the commencement of the late War until it was closed, we had constantly in the Field a considerable quota, and if priority of service confers a preference, as to the time of payment, the Militia of this Territory have a just claim to your early attention.

The Mode which you propose of paying each company within its bounds I am apprehensive will give rise to more trouble and be production of more delay than you are aware of. The Militia now in but few instances, ordered out by entire companies. The Colonels were generally ordered to furnish a certain number of Men proportionate to the strength of their respective Regiments. Of that number each company was required to furnish their quota. When the Men arrived at the Place of Rendezvous, they were then organized into companies. In many instances Substitutes were received who had no fixed place of Residence.

Upon conferring with General Hinds, and other Officers, who served in the Militia of this Territory, as to the places most convenient for the Men to receive their pay, We were of opinion that the following places would be sufficient Natchez, Town of Washington, Port Gibson in Claiborne County, Greenville in

Jefferson, Woodville in Wilkinson, Liberty in Amite, John Hardy on Pearl River, Fort St Stephens Mobile, Huntsville in Madison County

Duplicate of all the Muster Rolls that was transmitted to this office was delivered to Mrs Linton, while acting as Paymaster.

Lt Col: Shaumburg Thos Jo
Paymaster. David Holmes.

David Holmes, Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

To all who shall see these Presents;

Whereas, at the last Term of the Superior Court of Law and Equity, holden for the County of Washington, a certain Lewis Philips was convicted of the crime of Larceny, in Slave Stealing, and sentenced to suffer death; and Whereas the Jury who tried and the Honble Harry Toulmin the Judge who presided at the trial of said Philips, have respectively recommended the aforesaid Philips to the clemency of the Executive. Therefore, Know ye, that I do hereby pardon and remit the punishment of death which the said Philips is liable to undergo, in pursuance of the sentence aforesaid,

L. S.

Given under my hand and seal of the Territory, at the Town of Washington, 1st day of October 1816.

David Holmes.

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From the Governor
To
Lt: Colo: Smoot
Town of Birmingham.
1. October 1816.

Sir

I have signed the Muster Rolls which you transmitted to me by Mr Phillips.

The Regular Course would have been to have had them signed by the Colo: or some Field officer of the Corps, before they were forwarded to this office. I am however satisfied that the Rolls are correct, from the abstract made out by Colo: Baron, and from my own knowledge of the transactions during the Creek War, and from the circumstance of your requesting my signature to them. Before they are presented to the Pay Master, you will have them signed by some Field officer under whom the Troops served. This I expect will not be omitted. The great delay which is referable on my part to sign the Rolls, would have occasioned me a considerable inducement with me to overlook the irregularity.

I am &c.
Lt Colo: Smoot
6. Regiment.
David Holmes.

P. S. Two of Capt Bates' Rolls are without the Signature of the Captain, or any other officer Capt Easley's Rolls as to the time the service ended is left blank. I have therefore declined signing the Rolls until the Errors are corrected. I have sig[n]

the certificate given by Col: Barron, respecting the services of Capt Bagby's Company, and also the general abstract made out by the Colonel, which I suppose will be sufficient to entitle Capt Bagby's Men to receive their pay. I must request you to forward to me an attested copy of Col: Barron's abstract to file in this office. The original I herewith return because it may be useful to the Pay Master in settling with Bagby's Company. It clearly designates the term of service but it is not in my power to alter or amend the Rolls.

P. H.

From the Governor
to
The Secretary at War

Town of Washington,
2. October 1816.

Sir

I have this day drawn a Bill upon you in favor of Philip Hay, for one hundred and fifty dollars being the amount of his Salary as Interpreter to the Chactaw Indians for the half year ending the first day of the present Month.

I have &c

Hon^ble Mr Crawford

David Holmes.

Secy. at War.

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From the Governor
to
The Hon^ble
Wm H Crawford
Sec^y of War

Town of Washington
4. October 1816.

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 2^nd^ inst. by the last Mail and in compliance with the request it contains have made out the inclosed lists.

I have &c
David Holmes.

Hon^ble
Wm H Crawford.

From the Governor
to
Chandler Price
Sec^y of War

Town of Washington
11. October 1816.

Sir

I have requested my Friend Mr Robt Patterson of Philadelphia to have a Sword made in your city for Brigadier General Hindy, which the Legislature have directed me to present to the General as a testimony of their approbation of his military conduct. I have taken the liberty of requesting Mr^r Patterson to deliver to you the Sword when finished, and to call upon you for the amount of the enclosed Bill. I wish thereby you to forward the Sword by the first opportunity to Mr^r Benj^n Morgan, of New Orleans, with instructions for him to send it to Jas^y Kerchevall of

Natchez. Your Bill at sight for the amount of the Artists account will be paid by Samuel Postlethwaite President of the Bank at Natchez.

I am &c
David Holmes.

Mr. Chandler Price
Philadelphia.

From the Governor
To
The Secretary at War

Town of Washington
11 October 1806.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of a General order issued on the 8th inst. and also a Copy of a confidential letter which I received from Colo: Thos. Jesup, commanding the eighth military department. For an obvious cause, I have not alluded in the Genl order to any part of the information contained in the Colo's letter. It is probable that he will in a short time be able to procure more particular information respecting the intentions of the Spaniards. The Troops will be selected and held in readiness to assemble whenever their service may be required.

I have &c
David Holmes.

Hon'ble
Wm. H. Crawford
Secy. at War.

From the Governor
to
Robt Patterson Esq

Town of Washington,
13. Octo: 1816.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th. inst. I receive this Morning.

You may inform the Messrs Gardiners that I will pay the fifty dollars in addition to the sum limited for General Brisbane's Sword. In fact, I will be perfectly satisfied to pay a larger sum if in your opinion it shall be necessary. You are therefore at liberty to go to any amount under the cost of the Sword which was presented to General Jackson.

I am &c
David Holmes.

Robt Patterson Esq:

From the Governor
to
Lt. Cols. Mare

Town of Washington,
14. October 1816.

Sir, I have received your letter of the 13 inst. The opinion of Genl Hindy as to the mode of drafting is correct. The Present is a new occasion, and in no way connected with the Transactions of the late Mar. The Case was decided by one of the Lawyers of the Secretary, during the late War with Great Britain. A Person applied to be released, and assigned for

cause that he had performed a tour of duty with the Militia who marched to the Lake. The application was rejected, and the Person procured a Substitute.

The Conduct of Persons who absconded during the late War, cannot now be noticed. All military offences were pardoned after the Peace.

I am &c

Lt. Colo: Moore.

David Holmes.

From the Governor
To
The Secretary at War

Town of Washington,
15. October 1816.

Sir

By a Resolution of the 24. Decr 1814. the Legislature of this Territory authorized the Governor to draw five thousand dollars from the Territorial Treasury, to be applied to the purchasing of Camp Equipage and Munitions of War, for the use of Militia ordered into the service of the United States. I transmit to you by Doct. Lattimore a Copy of the Resolution and also an account of the Money with the vouchers that was expended in pursuance of the authority thus given. The amount of the account as stated by the Auditor is $4585.64¢ for the payment of which sum I am directed by the Resolution to apply to the Government of the United States

I have &c

Hond. Sec.y. at War.

David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Lt: Col: Piper
&
Town of Washington,
18. October 1816.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 13. inst. by Mrr Holliday, and transmit to you Commissions conformably to your Recommendations. I shall write to Col: Shaumburg to make the appointments you request. By a Regulation of the Pay Office, all the Master Rolls of the Militia who were not regularly mustered must be signed by a Field Officer and the Governor of the Territory.

Lt: Col: Piper.

Yours &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Cols: J McKee
&
Town of Washington
18. October 1816.

Sir,

I inclose to you a copy of a letter from the Secretary at War, and request that you will give me your opinion as to the benefit that would result from employing Mechanics within your Agency, in the manner stated in the letter. I wish especially to learn whether in your opinion the Indians would be satisfied to have any part of what they annually receive from the U. States applied to the support

of this establishment.

I am &c
David Holmes

Cols: John Miller,
Agent to the Chactaws

A similar letter to the above, was on the same day written to Cols: Love, Agent to the Chickasaws.

From the Governor
to
Lemuel Alston

Town of Washington,
8. October 1816.

Dear Sir

Previous to my receiving your letter of the 26. Sept. Philips was pardoned upon the Recommendation of the Court & Jury who tried him, and a number of respectable Citizens of Washington County.

I now transmit to you a Commission as Chief Justice of the orphan's Court for Clark County, which I request you will accept. Believe me, Sir, I with pleasure renew our former acquaintance, and trust that I shall ever reciprocate in you an old Friend.

Lemuel Alston

I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Mrs A Ingg

Town of Washington.
19. October 1816.

Dear Sir

Your Letter of the 2nd July by a mistake of the Post office was forwarded to

Mobile, and did not reach me until a few days ago. Conformably to your request, I now transmit to you a license for George Briggin and also the form of a Bond, which you will copy, (observing the alteration) and forward to me by some safe conveyance. You will of course retain the License until the Bond is executed.

It gives me much satisfaction to hear that you and your family are in good health. My best wishes attend you.

Mrs C. Trigg.

Yours &c
David Holmes.

Brown the Governor
to
E. Turner esq:

Town of Washington,
19. October 1816.

Sir

Capt Walker of the artillery has applied to me for the Six pounder in your possession. I have informed him that Hatchey is the stationary place for the Piece, but that he might occasionally have the use of it, for the purpose of exercising his Men, upon condition that it should be regularly returned after each Drill. On Monday next his Company are to parade with the Regiment. If you will deliver to him the Piece for that day. It is to be returned immediately after the Muster is over.

E. Turner esq:

I am &c
David Holmes.

Adjutant Generals office.
Town of Marlington.
October 24. 1816.

Sir

To prevent any difficulty arising from a want of uniformity of drafting the quota of Militia called for by the General order of the 3rd inst I am directed to inform you that the whole effective force of your Regiment are considered liable for Draft; the late War having concluded former tours of service. This is in conformity to a judicial decision made during the late War, and applicable to the present occasion.

By Command

Andw Marshall
Adjt Genl.

From the Governor
to
Majr Liddell
Town of Marlington
24. October 1816.

Sir

I received your letter yesterday evening by Mr Owings who will deliver Commissions conformably to your recommendation. Capt Thomas information respecting the draft was correct. The Mode of drafting from the whole Regiment is in conformity to a decision of one of the Judges made during the last War, and which Decision is stated by the Judge to be applicable to the present occasion.

Your &c
David Hoffman.

Majr Liddell.
Adjt 2d Regt.

From the Governor Town of Washington,
to
Colo: Shaumburg 2. November 1816.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 15th ulto.

I have ascertained that the Bank of the Mississippi are not disposed to advance money for Drafts upon the Government.

Bills upon Baltimore or Washington cannot be disposed of at Natchez at a less discount than five per cent. It will therefore be necessary that you should take some other steps in order to procure the funds requisite for the payment of the Militia of the Territory. I am very anxious that preparations should be made to discharge the arrears of pay due to them —

Colo: J. Shaumburg I have &c:

David Holmes.

Communication to the Legislature.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

At no period, Fellow Citizens, since the establishment of our Territorial Government, has there existed more cause of congratulation for the prosperous state of

the Country than at present. From the increasing demand, as well in the United States as in foreign Countries, for the principal commodity we cultivate for sale, and from the safety with which it may now be transported to the best Market, the agriculturist may expect with confidence, ample remuneration for the products of the soil. The Prospect is not less flattering to the Merchant the Mechanic, and the Industrious of every description, who may safely calculate upon having reasonable hopes of advancement rewarded by an honest and steady prosecution of their respective vocations. The General Health which the Inhabitants throughout the Territory have enjoyed, for the last twelve Months, and the Evidence which Experience furnishes that diseases annually become less frequent and less fatal, where the Lands are opened and cultivated, must be a Source of Satisfaction to all who have fixed their residence in this Section of the Union. An extensive and valuable tract of Territory, lying within our limits has been lately acquired by the Means of friendly negotiation with the Cherokee and Chickesaw Tribes of Indians. This Event must be pleasing to all who feel an Interest in the growth and prosperity of the Country. It will afford to our Fellow Citizens of the State, who may be inclined to avail themselves of the advantages

of a new County, the opportunity of pro-
: curing upon easy terms, lands of a fertile soil,
situated in a mild climate, and possessing
the facilities of navigation. We may, therefore,
expect, that the population of the Territory, so
soon as these Lands are offered for sale, will
increase in a ratio far beyond any thing we
have heretofore experienced. To this object of
mutual congratulation, we may add the pro-
: gressive improvement of our Citizens in the
observance of their virtues, which are the
attainment of Knowledge, and the support
of a Government founded upon the principles
of freedom.

The subjects of legislation, to which
I deem it my duty to ask your attention are but
few, and have been chiefly suggested by the operation
of existing laws.

The Emoluments of certain Offices
as established by law, are so inconsiderable, that
in many instances, especially in the small
Counties, it is difficult to procure fit Persons
to accept the appointments. There is no prin-
: ciple of Representative Government, more
plain in theory, or better established by experi-
: ence, that that the public officers ought
to receive a just remuneration for the services
they are required to perform. This unless ever

be a sound maxim, while Talents and Integrity are not the exclusive attributes of those who can afford to give their time and attention to the public without any pecuniary reward. The Justices of the Quorum receive no compensation for the services they render in holding Courts. It is evident to you, Gentlemen, that the faithful exercise of the powers, and a punctual discharge of the duties, attached to their offices, are in many respects, important to the Community. I therefore suggest to the Legislature the propriety of allowing a compensation that will indemnify those who fill them, against pecuniary loss, while attending the Courts. The fact that Countaby are authorized to demand per their services, are so small, that but few Persons are willing to accept the office.

The Consequence is, that in scarcely any of the Counties are there a sufficient number of those Officers to discharge the duties who are regularly commissioned and qualified to act conformably to the Statute.

The Office of Keeper and Translator of the Spanish Records has been vacant for some time, and I have no prospect of being able to procure a person capable of discharging the duties for the fees allowed by law. The Papers were delivered up by the Person who last held the appointment, and have been deposited for safe keeping in the

Office of the Secretary of the Territory. I submit to the Legislature whether it would not be more economical, and more convenient to the Citizens interested in these Documents, to have them translated, and to authorize the translation to be read as Evidence in the Courts of Justice. Should the Legislature think they could the most advisable, they will of course make such provision as will enable the Executive to employ a Person fully qualified to perform the task.

By an act of Congress passed at the last Session, concerning the Militia, it is direct: that each Regiment consisting of two Battalions shall be commanded by one Colonel one Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major, and that where there shall be only one Battalion it shall be commanded by a Major. The Legislature will perceive the necessity of amending the act of the Territory, concerning the Militia so as to make it conformable to the act of Congress.

It gives me much satisfaction, Gentlemen to inform you that a Paymaster has been directed by the Paymaster General of the United States, to pay the arrears due to the Militia of this Territory, for services rendered during the late War; and that I expect

the whole will be discharged as soon as arrangements can be made for that purpose.

By a Resolution of the Legislature of the 24. of December 1814. five thousand dollars were appropriated for the purpose of purchasing Camp Equipage and Furnishing of Arms for the use of such Detachments of Militia as might be ordered into the service of the Militia Staff. There was expended in pursuance of this Resolution, four thousand, five hundred and eighty five dollars, sixty four cents. The Accounts duly vouching I lately transmitted to the War Department, by our Delegate for Settlement.

The entire Returns of the Assessors & Collectors for the several Counties, for the present Year, not having as yet been made to the accounting Officers, it is out of my power to state to you the precise situation of the finances of the Territory. The Reports of the Auditor of Public accounts, and of the Treasurer will be laid before you as soon as they can be procured. The Amount of Cash in the Treasury, on the second day of the present Month, was 17 dollars 16½ dollars. From the Returns that have come in, and from the Receipts and Expenditures of the last Year, it is clearly ascertained that the amount of the Revenue due for the present year including the

Money on hand, with quarty exceed the ordinary disbursements of the Government. I shall suggest to the Legislature the propriety of reducing the present rate of taxation, or of adopting such Measures, as they may in their wisdom consider expedient for disposing of the surplus that may remain unexpended in the Treasury. Many objects of public utility will doubtless occur to you as worthy of your attention, and upon which a part of this surplus may be expended with advantage to the community. Should the Legislature, however, under present circumstances, deem it more consistent with the public Interest to suffer the fund to accumulate until it amounts to a Sum sufficient to justify the commencement of an extensive System of internal improvement, or until the Interest annually accruing from it, shall be adequate to defray the ordinary expenditure of the Government, in either case it will be advisable to authorize the surplus to be invested eventually, in some safe and profitable stock.

In the adoption of all Measures calculated to augment the happiness of our Citizens, and to promote the prosperity of

the Service. I offer to you, Gentlemen, the assurances of my cordial cooperation and faithful execution.

November 4. 1816. David Holmes.

To the House of Representatives.

I transmit to the House of Representatives a communication from the Public Printer, stating the causes that have delayed the completing of the Digest, agreeably to his contract; with certain statements and vouchers, relating to the same subject.

6. Nov 1816. David Holmes.

To Wm the Governor of Tennessee
Capt Kirkland 13. Nov 1816.

Sir I have appointed you a Captain of a company of Mounted Riflemen, It is to consist of sixty four Privates, with the usual number of Non: commissioned Officers.

I have &c

Capt Kirkland. David Holmes.

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From the Governor
to
Cols: Ino. M Oats,

Town of Washington,
14. Nov 1816.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 2nd and 13th inst. Your Resignation was intended upon the Register when received, but as you have since received orders from the Adjutant Generals office, and as you state that you were not regularly informed of the acceptance of your ~~Commission~~ Resignation, I have concluded to consider your acts in pursuance of orders heretofore issued, as valid. In future, the Militia of the County, is conformity to an act of Congress passed at the last Session will form but one Battalion, and will be commanded by a Major. You will therefore, upon the receipt of this letter consider your Resignation as accepted, and the command will of course devolve upon the Major. There is a Bill now before the Legislature, proposing material alterations in the Militia Law. I have determined not to create any new Companies until this act finally passes.

I am &c

Cols: Ino. M Oats. David Hastings

From the Governor
to
Richard Lewis Esq.

Town of Newington
23d. November 1816

Sir

I have forwarded to you, two Commissions, the one as Clerk of the County Court, the other as Clerk of the Superior Court of Hancock County. These appointments were made under circumstances which induced a belief that Mr Hunt had forwarded to me his Resignation of those offices, but that by some means it had failed to reach me, or that for some other cause he had declined to act. I have written to Mr Hunt on this subject. You will wait upon him, and ascertain whether it is his intention to decline the performance of the duties of those offices. If so, You will return the papers, after having qualified yourself agreeably to law. If otherwise, you will consider the Commissions forwarded to you as revoked.

I am &c
David Holmes.

Richard Lewis Esq:

From the Governor
to
Mr. Hunt

Town of Washington,
22. November 1816.

Sir

It has been represented to me that you have removed your office out of the

County of Hanover, and have declined attending at the Bay of St Louis, the place appointed by law for holding the Courts. In consequence of this Representation which I has from a very respectable source, I have thought it probable, that you had forwarded your Resignation, but that by some means it had failed to reach me. As it is important that the office of Clerk of the Superior and County Courts should at all times be filled, I have under existing circumstances made out Commissions for Richard Lee, which he is to hold provided you decline to act, or to keep your office within the bounds of the County. Mr Lee will wait upon you and ascertain your determination. If you should think it incompatable with your view to remain in the office, and to attend to its duties, you will deliver the papers to Mr Lee, upon being satisfied that he has complied with the Law. If otherwise, you will return them, and state to me, whether I have been correctly informed as to your keeping the office without the limits of your County and whatever you may think proper to advance on the subject of your declining to attend in your official capacity at the Bay St Louis.

I am &c
David Holmes

Dan'l Hunt
Lt Mt Hancock.

From the Governor
To
Town of Washington

Mr Jno Ford 22. of November 1816.

Dear Sir

I inclose to you two letters, one for Mr. William Hunt, the other for Richard Lee, they are both open, and I request that you will read them, in order that you may become acquainted with my views in relation to the subject upon which they are written.

It may intended that the Commissions should have been forwarded sent to you, but were inadvertently sent directly to Mr Lee.

The Law does not require Mr Hunt to reside at the Bay of St. Louis, but every Clerk must keep his office within the limits of his County. I have been informed that Mr H. has declared that he will not on any occasion, attend at the Bay to discharge his official duties. I have given him an opportunity, you will see by the letter, to make any representation that he may think proper, respecting the Information I have received, and also to return the Office upon his promising to discharge the duties of it conformable to Law. I have always believed him to be a very honest and worthy Man.

Mr John Ford
Pearl River.

I have &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
Cols: Locke

Town of Washington,
29. November 1816.

Sir

I wish thank you to furnish me with the information required by the enclosed letter, so far as it relates to your agency.

Cols: Locke
Agent to the Chactaws.

Your Ho
David Holmes.

A similar letter was written on the same day to Cols: McKee, agent to the Chactaws

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From the Governor
to
Cols: Shaumburg

Town of Washington
9. December 1816.

Sir

I received from the Paymaster General by the last Mail a letter informing me that he had remitted to me $6.000 dollars, on account of the arrears of pay, due to the Militia of Louisiana and this Territory. The Public Interest as well as Justice to the Individuals require that the Militia of this Territory should be paid immediately. I therefore earnestly requ

that you will repair to Natchez, where I wish you to commence your payments without delay.

I am &c.

Cols: Shaumburg. David Holmes.

To the House of Representatives.

I return for reconsideration to the House of Representatives ~~the act concerning~~ the act concerning the Town of Mobile and Huntsville. The Power which the act proposes to give to the President and Commissioners of the Town of Mobile, to regulate the fees of Port Warden, Pilots, and Inspectors should be limited to what is customary in other Ports of the United States. The Power given to the Trustees of the Town of Huntsville to appoint an Inspector at Ditto landing is an authority, with which they cannot be invested conformably to the ordinance.

11. Decr 1816. David Holmes

From the Governor Town of Washington
to
Joseph Anderson 16. Decr 1816.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive

your letter of the 19. ulto.

When I was last in the city of Washington, I made out an abstract of the sums paid to my assistants for taking an account of the Manufactures and Manufacturing establishments, which with the vouchers I handed to a Gentleman, who promised to deposit them in the Comptrollers office.

I now transmit to you duplicate of the abstract & vouchers, and have to request that you will do me the favor to acknowledge the receipt of them by the earliest opportunity.

Joseph Anderson esq. I am &c
Comptroller of the Treasury.

David Stone.

From the Governor, Town of Washington,
to 30. December 1816.
The Secretary at War.

Sir I have transmitted copies of your letter of the 23. inst, to the agents of the Chactaw & Chickesaw Nations, with a request that they would furnish me

with their opinions as to the number of Mechanics that might be usefully employed within their agencies. Owing to the absence of Colo: McKee, from the agency upon public business, I did not obtain his reply until he visited this Place. He thinks that two Blacksmiths in addition to the one now employed at the agency will be sufficient for that nation. Colo: Coody, the agent for the Chickasaws is of opinion that two additional Blacksmiths and one additional carpenter, will be sufficient for the Chickasaws. Both the agents have informed me that they had communicated to you fully upon this subject, in reply to your circular letter of the 23rd September. The contingent presents to the Chactaws and Chickasaws, since I have acted as Superintendent have amounted to but little. On a few occasions, I have ordered provisions to be issued to Individuals, who visited this place, and in one or two instances have given trifling presents, where services have been rendered. The Indians, I am satisfied would not be willing to have their stipulated annuities much reduced to defray the expence of employing Mechanics.

I have &c
David Mitchell.

The Hond.
The Secretary of War.

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From the Governor
to
Henry W. Stephens

Town of Washington
Dec. 16th 1816.

Sir.

I transmit to you two commissions
one as Clerk of the Supreme Court, the other
as Clerk of the County Court for Montgomery County
I will thank you to inform me by the earliest
opportunity, whether you will accept these appointments

I am &c
David Holmes.

From the Governor
to
[illegible]

Town of Washington
Novem: 30th 1816

Dear Sir,

I had not an opportunity
of enquiring of Mr Shields whether he had communi-
cated with you until some time after I received
your favour of the 27th September & Mr Hamilton
did not forward the Attorney General Mr Shields
having resigned, that office last August.

The Power that the Law directs to be pursued
with Persons who commit a crime that is not
punishable in a County where there is not a

sufficient Jail you will find in the Statute passed December 23rd 1806 providing that the prisoner shall be committed to the Nearest Jail of some adjacent County to remain there until the Court shall set in the proper County for the trial of such Prisoner

The witnesses ought to be recognized to appear at Court

The Digest of the Laws will be finished in the course of a few days. I will send you a copy by the earliest opportunity

I have appointed a Mr. Richard Lee to be Clerk of Hancock upon the recommendation of a Gentleman who vouches for his Capacity. He is to reside at the Court House.

The conduct of Mr. Hall is to me a matter of some surprise as I have never received his resignation which it was his duty to have transmitted to me unless he intended to exchange the duties of his office.

The above was omitted in its proper date

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From the Governor
to
Hon. Patterson Esqr.

Town of Washington
7th February 1816

Dear Sir

I enclose to you a license for General Haines, which I procured a few days ago. If the sword should not be finished when you receive this the license may be etched upon the blade

Yours &c

Hon. Patterson Esqr.

Daniel Holmes

From the Governor
to
The Secretary at War

Town of Washington
5th January 1817

Sir

Copies of your letter of the 4th Oct.r were enclosed by me to the agents of the Cherokee and Chickasaw Indians. I did not receive the report of the Chickasaw agent until Tuesday last, a copy of it is herewith transmitted. The whole amount of his disbursements appear to be $ 7905.51

in this amount there is included the sum of eighty dollars paid for a horse for the use of the express who was charged with dispatches to General Jackson, deducting this sum from the entire amount, leaves $ 108 25,51. The amount of the annuity he state to be 3000 dollars which added to the sum before mentioned makes 108 25,51, Whether this sum can be considered a proper estimate of expenses for the year 1817 I have not the means of ascertaining; as the Secretary at war heretofore never corresponded with me upon the subject of the expenditures made by the agents within their respective agencies, They received their instructions, relative to the annuities, presents, and all other expenses from the War Department, their transactions respecting these objects were seldom submitted to my inspection or Controll

The estimate of expenses for the Choctaw agency for the year 1817 $13302-98 Col. McKee informed me that he had forwarded to you a statement of the items some time ago.

The duties of superintendent of Indian affairs for the southern Department is connected with the office of Governor of the Territory

the salary is two thousand dollars, per annum, an Interpreter to the Choctaw Nation is employed by the Governor and receives a salary of three hundred dollars per annum

The number of the Choctaw Indians is supposed by Colo: Mc Kee, the present agent, to be twenty thousand, the number of the Chickasaw Indians cannot exceed three thousand five hundred.

The answers of the agents of the Creek & Cherokee Indians to your circular letter of the 4th October, I presume will furnish the information required concerning these tribes.

It is the wish of the President that the Superintendent of Indian affairs for this department should in future require of the respective agents to report to him at stated periods their transactions relative to the distribution of the annuities, presents and other expenditures, an intimation from you to that effect will of course meet with prompt and regular attention.

I have the honor to be
with the highest respect
Your ob: Serv:

Secretary at War.

Daniel Holmes

From the Governor
Robt. Breut Esq.

Town of Natchez
January 25th 1817

Sir,

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. (which came duly to hand) I wrote to Colo. Shaumburgh informing him that I was apprized of his having received sixty thousand dollars on account of the arrears of pay due to the Militia of this Territory and Louisiana, and urged him in the strongest language that I was authorized to use, to repair without delay to Natchez, whereby as formerly an arrangement it was understood he was to commence his payments. He has not arrived altho more than a month has elapsed since he received the remittance, I must therefore request sir that you will order Colo: Shaumburgh to repair to Natchez without further delay and to commence the payment of the arrearages due to the Militia of this Territory. The degree of Public discontent created by the delays that have already taken place is very great, and is not confined to those only who take immediately concerned it is universal throughout the Territory

Robt. Breut Esq. I have the honor to be with great
Pay Master General of the respect your Obt. Servt
Army of the United States David Holmes

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From the Governor
to
Colo: McKee

Town of Washington
24th January 1809

Dear Sir,

I have received information that you have employed persons to search for the papers in the Office of Montgomery who claim to be remunerated for damages he sustained by a party of Chactaws who destroyed his house and furniture in the year 1809.

Be pleased to inform me whether you have found them among the papers left by Mr. Dinsmore a part of the documents are in this office, & wish the whole to be laid before the President for his opinion

Yours sincerely
Daniel Tostmes

Colo: McKee
Agent to the Chactaws

From the Governor
to
Mr. C. Lee

From the Governor
to
Maj. R. Lee

Town of Monticello
28th January 1817

Sir/

After I received your letter informing me that it did not suit your convenience to accept the office of Clerk of Hancock County I appointed Mr. Walker was appointed Clerk of both the Courts. We will of course receive the papers and enter upon the duties of the office

Maj. R. Lee David Holmes

A letter of the same purport was forwarded by Mail to Maj. Lee

David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory

To all who shall see these Presents

Whereas John Brooks hath been convicted of the crime of larceny by the superior Court of Law and Equity for the County of Jefferson now in session and Whereas the Honorable Walter Leak the presiding Judge and the Jury before whom he was tried have

recommended the said Jno. Brooks to the Clemency of the Executive, Now Know ye that I having duly considered the recommendatory aforesaid and the circumstances attending the Case, do by virtue of the powers vested in me as Governor of the Territory pardon the aforesaid John Brooks and remit all punishment which by the sentence of the Court he is subject to receive in Consequence of the aforesaid Conviction

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State this 4th of February in the year of our Lord 1847

Seal

By the Governor
Major Richardson

By Wm Holmes

Town of Washington 5th February 1847

Sir

Lt. Shanburg the District paymaster arrived at Waters on wednesday last informs me that he has not in his possession the Muster rolls of the Detachment of Cavalry that marched

to the E. Territories in 1813. You will therefore have the Roll of the Troops which you commanded forwarded to him without delay, in order that the pay rolls may be made out

Yours &c.

David Holmes

Maj: Richardson
of the Cavalry
Natchez

A Copy of the above with the following P.S. was forwarded to Maj: Gerald.

Captain Dunn I am informed is not an inhabitant of this Territory, I will thank you to communicate to him the information and request contained in this letter.

David Holmes

Executive Department
Miss. Territory
Washington
2nd February 1814

Dear Sir,

Yesterday the Paymaster arrived at Natchez in the last Steam Boat, he called upon me yesterday and informed me in the course of conversation that the

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Rolls of the Detachments of Cavalry Commands by you in the fall of 1813 were not in his possession. If you have duplicates I wish you to forward them as early as possible. The Col. has not funds sufficient to pay the whole of the Militia, but I expect he will shortly receive a further remittance.

In the arrangement of the Pay Rolls it is probable that some explanations may be required which from your particular knowledge of the occurrences of the expedition in 1813 it will be in your power to furnish, I therefore request that you will see Col. Shamburg as soon as it will comport with your convenience, He will commence paying on Wednesday next I should be happy to see you before that day

With great respect
Your Obt. Sr.
David Holmes

General Wells

From the Governor
to
Robert Grant Esqr.

Town of Washington
2nd February 1814

Sir
Col. Shamburg the Dist. Paymaster

arrived at Staunton on Wednesday last, & called
on me yesterday and informed me in the course
of conversation that the funds in his possession
would not be near sufficient to discharge the arrear-
ages due the Militia of this Territory. I hope
therefore that you will make him a further remittance
with as little delay as possible.

With the highest respect
I am
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
David Holmes

Robert Brent
Pay-Master to the
Army of the Lakes

From the Governor
to
Col. Shamburg

Town of Washington
5th February 1814

Sir,

I have written to General Kinzie to forward to
you the Muster Rolls of the Detachment of Cavalry
that he Commanded in 1813 and have requested
him to see you upon the subject of their being paid
as soon as his convenience will permit,

I do not feel
myself authorized to make any distinction among
the different Corps of Militia as to the order in
which they shall be paid. I sincerely wish you

had funds to pay the whole of the arrears that are due but as that is not the case I suppose you will feel bound to pay such as apply while it is in your power.

I shall be in Natchez

or tomorrow.

Col. Strawberry

Yours &c

David Holmes

From the Governor

to

Col: Jno. McKee

Town of Washington

14th February 1803

Sir

I received your letter of the 14th Inst: this morning with the papers stated to be enclosed. It will be greatly regretted by the Government of the United States if Tohuston should succeed in his endeavours to engage the Chactaws to take a part against the Spaniards.

In all probability such a measure would involve us in a war, an event which I know the administration are very anxious to avoid. I think it would be well therefore

to be satisfied before you leave the [redacted] there is no ground to suppose that the agents of the Spanish patriots will be able to prevail upon the Indians to join them in the contemplated attack on Pensacola. I hope you will be able to settle the affairs respecting the death of Sevills, but from Hitchlynn's letter I apprehend it will be difficult to prevent the friends of the deceased from seeking satisfaction.

As Mr Williams has directed to remain in the agency and to attend to the duties until your return, you have my approbation to go on to Washington City for the purpose you state.

I return you the two letters from Hitchlynn.

Col: Jno: McKee
Agent to the Chactaws

Very &c
Dft
Geo Graham

From the Governor
to
Jno: Linton Esqr

Town of Washington
20th February 1814

Sir,

By a regulation of the War Department adopted since you held the office of Paymaster, the deficiency in point of [redacted] Murder

Bolls,

Rolls, which have prohibited you from Paying upon them, can now be remedied by a certificate from the Governor of the Territory. Col: Shamburg is in possession of some of these irregular Rolls, but there are others which he states to me he has not received. At the close of the late War the whole of the Militia on Red River were ordered into service for a short period, the Rolls of these Companies were forwarded to you by Col: Nixon, and I presume are still in your possession, I will thank you to transmit them to Col: Shamburg by the first safe opportunity

I am &c

Jno: Sinton Esqr

David Holmes

From the Governor
— to
Hon: Crawford Secy. W. T.

Union of Muskingum
February 20th 1817

Sir

I enclose to you two letters written to John Pitchlynn, who resides in the Chactaw Country, these Communications disclose a plan, which if carried into effect, would in all probability prove injurious to the United States as well as to the Indians who are solicited to take a part, the persons concerned are evidently engaged in endeavouring to set on foot a Military expedition within the limits of

the United States against a nation with whom we are at peace and how far if legal evidence can be obtained to substantiate the facts they ought to be brought before a Judicial tribunal. The enclosed letters contain a plain development of their intentions and will aid you if it is not too late to procure such testimony as will justify the commencement of prosecutions. The Government of the United States is anxious to avoid giving just grounds of complaint to any power with whom we are at peace and I am confident she would view with great regret the success of the nefarious project which the authors of the letters to Erskine have in contemplation.

I have directed the agent of the Choctaws Col: McKee to use his best exertions to prevent the Indians from taking any part and I am in hopes that his endeavours will be successful. It would however be a public good if the persons who are thus acting in open violation of the Laws could be legally punished

I should be happy to hear from you upon this subject by the earliest opportunity.

I am Dear Sir Yours &c

Wm Crawford Esqr

Attorney for the U. S.

Mobile

David Forman

P.S. You will see the propriety of considering this Communication Confidential until the affair is brought to a conclusion

D. F.

To His Excellency Governor Cumming

Gov. of Nebraska

Sir

Dear Sir

I have found some difficulty in procuring a person to fill the appointment of Clerk of the County in Hancock County in the place of Mr. Hunt who wishes to resign. Mr. Lee was offered the office early in the winter but declined accepting them. A Mr. Walker was then appointed at his own request, and I expected that he would without delay repair to the County, but he informed me a few days ago that his private affairs would not permit him to leave this quarter of the Country. Mr. Lee wrote to me some time ago and stated that he had changed his determination and that he was willing to receive the appointment, this letter came to hand after Mr. Walker had been appointed and before he had declined going to the County, I stated to Mr. Lee in reply to his letter the fact of Mr. Walker having been appointed and that therefore I could not comply with his request, But as Mr. Walker has finally declined I now offer the appointment again to Mr. Lee & inform him that I should know immediately whether he will accept, and comply with the requisitions of the Law, the commissions are herewith enclosed, I regret that I have given you so much trouble respecting this

Envelope

From the Governor
to
Major Runnels

Natchez
28th February 1817

Sir

I have [illegible] to receive your letter of the 15th Inst:

You will not proceed to divide the Regiment you command until you receive orders upon that subject, in the mean time you will have made out and forwarded to the Adjutant General a return of the strength of the Regiment as at present organised

With great respect
Your obt Servt
David Holmes

Maj.r Runnels
19th Regiment

From the Governor
to
Colo.l Carson

Town of Washington
1st March 1817

Dear Sir

I received your letter by the Boy last evening.

I transmit to you the Rolls certified

conformably to your request, likewise a commission for Mr. Wilson Attorney General [redacted] River and one for Mr. Bates as [redacted] of Baltimore I wish you a pleasant journey, and am with great regard

Your Obt. Servt.

David Holmes

Col. Carson

From the Governor

To

D. Vertner Esqr.

Town of Washington

13th March 1817

Sir

I received your letter of the 6th Inst. Mr. Moon conformably to the recommendation it contained has been appointed a Justice of the Quorum in the room of Mr. Harman resigned. Mr. Barney having resigned the office of Chief Justice of the Orphans Court you have been appointed his Succesor and Mr. Chas. Barnett has been appointed a Justice of the Quorum to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Barnes' resignation the Commissions are all forwarded by the Mail

Yours &c.

D. Vertner Esqr.

David Holmes

From the Governor

To [redacted] Esqr

From Washington 15th March 1814

Sir,

I received your letter of the 26th January a few days ago.

The vouchers which you state to have been forwarded never came to hand.

I enclose to you a commission as Quarter Master of the 6th Regiment

Your Obt

David Holmes

To Robt Easton

Fort St Stephens

Head Quarters,

General Orders, Town of Washington 14th March 1814

The corps that were detailed conformably to the General Order of the 3rd of October last are no longer required to be held in readiness for actual service they are therefore discharged from that duty.

The commander in chief tenders his thanks to the officers and privates of the Militia for the promptitude with which the order was obeyed

David Holmes,

Commander in chief

Mil. Mis. Territory

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From the Governor
to
G. Gibson

Town of Washington Aug.t
28th 1817

Sir

During the late war troops in the service of the United States were occasionally furnished by citizens of this Territory with forage provisions &c at the request of the commanders of the corps or detachment. In many instances the accounts of those persons remain unpaid I will thank you to inform me whether you are authorised to pay such as are properly chargeable to the Quarter master Department

Your &c.

G. Gibson
D.r Master Gen.l
New Orleans

David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Abel Farrar

Town of Washington
2.nd April 1817

Sir,

I received your letter of the 25.th of Feb.y on Friday last and have forwarded Commissions conformably to your request

With respect
Your obt. Serv.t

Abel Farrar Esq.r

David Holmes

David Holmes Governor of [redacted]

[redacted]ississippi Territory

To all sheriffs Coroners & Constables within said Territory

Whereas the Governor of the State of Louisiana hath transmitted to me an authentic copy of an indictment in which a certain Marion Sims hath been found guilty of a Murder, and whereas the said Governor has demanded that the said Marion Sims who is a fugitive from Justice, and supposed to be within the limits of this Territory may be arrested and secured, These are therefore in the name of the Territory to command you to apprehend the said Marion Sims if he found within your county and him safely keep until an agent from the said State of Louisiana shall appear legally authorized to receive the said fugitive, or until he shall be discharged according to Law, for which shall be your warrant for so doing

Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory this 9th day of April in the year 1817 and in the 41st year of the independence of the U. S. of America

Seal

David Holmes

To the Governor

Of

Orleans

Town of Washington
9th April 1817

Sir,

Your letter of [redacted] inst. came

yr

ers received by the last mail

[redacted] blank commissions which you will fill up with the name of Mr. Malone [redacted] in the event of his declining to accept the appointment with the name of any other person whom you may think capable of discharging the duties of the office. as I have not received either of the laws that relate to the important changes made in the Government of this Territory I have left the style of the court blank, this you will be pleased to add, I will thank you to send me copies of all the laws that were paped during the late session of Congress which relate to the Territory

Your ob. Serv.

David Holmes

Hon. Harry Toulmin

Town of Washington
11th April 1817

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. and now transmit to you a commission as Justice of the Peace, for the President of the commissioners of the Town of Jackson, and also a commission for the Town Constable

I am respectfully
your ob. Serv.

David Holmes

Peregrine T. Bayard

T. P. T. Bayard

From the Governor
to
Majr. Gl. Gerard

Town of Hamburg the
15th April 1814

Sir,

Col. McGahey will hand you an extract of a letter received by me from Cob. Hamburg Dist. Paymaster, You are requested to make such explanations as you may think proper respecting the transaction it states. If you have received the money you will pay it over without delay to Mr. McGahey. Your explanations you will reduce to writing for my satisfaction

I am respectfully your
obt Servt
David Holmes

Majr. Gl. Gerard

From the Governor
to
the Offrs of Jackson & Hancock

15th April 1814

Sir, I have heretofore transmitted to you three Copies of the above letter at different periods in each of which there was enclosed a copy of the law I will thank you to inform me whether any of these communications reached you and whether you have notified the Election

Yours &c
David Holmes

To the Offrs of Jackson
& Hancock

(note the above letter has reference to the following circular)

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From the Governor
to
the Sheriff of all the
Counties in the N. T.

Town of Washington Miss. Ter.
16th Apl. 1817

Sir,

I transmit to you a copy of the act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An Act to enable the people of the western part of the Mississippi Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States."

You will observe from this law, that the Elections for Members of the Convention are to take place on the first Monday and Tuesday in June next, and are to be conducted in the same manner as is prescribed by the laws of the Territory regulating Elections for Members of the House of Representatives.

The Territorial Elections for Delegate to Congress and Members of the House of Representatives, are to be held as usual, under the existing Laws of the Territory, on the days therein prescribed

I am respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
David Holmes

From the Governor
to
Col.o [illegible]

Town of Washington
15th April 1814

Sir

I received your letter of the 18th Ult.o some days ago and have forwarded an extract of the same to Maj.r Gerald by Col.o McCobb a respectable man who lives in his neighborhood with instructions to ask an explanation of the statement it contains, and also to request Maj.r Gerald to pay over immediately the amount incorrectly received, I thought this the best course that could be taken to procure the money without the delay of a legal prosecution, should it be paid by Gerald I will have it deposited in the Bank at Waldoboro of which you will be duly apprized

You may rest assured that if the Maj.r has been guilty of this fraud he will receive exemplary punishment

I am Sir known to be
Col.o Thatcher's Obt. Servt
Paul Reed
Brig.r Gen.l

General Orders

Town of Washington 15th April 1814

The Regiment for the trial of Capt. Henry Cheek of which Maj.r [illegible] is President

are hereby ordered to revise their proceedings and to hear and examine any further testimony that may be adduced on the part of the prosecution or of the accused, Lt. Col. Pope will appoint the time and place of convening of which Capt. Church is to have notice. If any of the members of the court shall have removed out of the bounds of the Regiment or are by any other cause prevented from attending the court Lieut. Col. Pope will supply the deficiency by ordering a detail of one or more members as the case may require.

David Holmes
Commd. in chief of the Miss. Ter.

From the Governor
to
Col. Shaumburg

Town of Washington
Oct. 25th 1817

Sir,

I transmit to you by Capt. Wilkins two Rolls of the Militia of Madison County which are all that are forwarded to this office. You are to pay in the usual form. I received a letter from this morning from the Postmaster Genl. informing me that he had remitted to you forty thousand Dollars on account of the arrearages due to the Militia of this Territory and the State of Louisiana. I suppose a part of this sum you will apply to paying the troops in Madison County. Please let me know when you expect to be at this part of the Territory and at what place it is your intention to commence paying.

[redacted]

[redacted] with great
respect
Your Obt. Servt
Col. Shumbrick
Dept Paymaster
D. Holmes

Town of Washington 20th April 1817.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you a Journal of the proceedings of the Court Martial ordered for the trial of Capt. O'Neil, you will attend to the injunctions of this Order and deliver the original proceedings which are herewith transmitted to the President of the Court.

I am very
Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
D. Holmes

The above papers were forwarded by Lieutenant Jefferson.

Town of Washington
28th April 1817.

Dear Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th inst. and have forwarded conformably to your recommendation under desperate envelopes, directed to Post Holders throughout the Nation, for the Gentlemen therein named.

I am with respect &c.
David Holmes

Lt. Col. Thos. Pinckney
Lt. Col. 1st Regt.

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Dear Sir Town of Washington 4th April 1817

I have taken an opportunity of writing to you by this conveyance, which I hope will reach you in time to forward by the earliest opportunity the Election returns for the County of Jackson, which I am sorry to say I have not received, although I have written to the Sheriff of that County on the subject, and have also written to Col. Gilman, with a request that he would forward them to you, with the greatest possible dispatch. I am sorry to inform you that the Election in this County has been conducted in a very irregular manner, and I am fearful that the returns will be rejected by the Legislature, unless they can be explained satisfactorily. I have written to the Sheriff, requesting him to attend at Washington, with the Poll Books, and other documents relative to the Election, and I have no doubt but he will do so. I have also written to Col. Gilman, requesting him to attend with the Poll Books, and other documents relative to the Election, and I have no doubt but he will do so. I have also written to Col. Gilman, requesting him to attend with the Poll Books, and other documents relative to the Election, and I have no doubt but he will do so.

Yours &c.

David Holmes

Col. Gilman

Sir Town of Washington 3rd April 1817

Inclosed I forward you two letters one for the Sheriff of Hancock the other for the Sheriff of Jackson, which I wish you to forward by the earliest opportunity. These letters are duplicates of letters forwarded a few days ago, they contain the Law authorizing the inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory to form a Constitution and State Government. It is important that the Sheriffs should get them in time to give reasonable notice of the Election for members of the Convention. Should any reasonable expence be incurred in sending them from your County I am confident that the account will be allowed by the Legislature, your attention to this business will oblige

Yours &c.

David Holmes

Col. R. H. Gilman

a duplicate is also forwarded to the Sheriff of Hancock

Town of Washington Mi. T.

2d May 1817.

Sir I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 4th ult. and have transmitted confidentially to your recommendation Commissions for James H. Griffin and Crean Steele Esqrs. I am surprised to learn by your communication that there were so many irregularities in the 7th Regiment as you state from Hancock that I have ordered and forwarded

A district [illegible] commissions for that Regiment [illegible] I recommend to [illegible] forward the commissions by the mail [illegible]

Hon Elbert Eger
Adjt Genl Ter

I am respectfully your
Obt Servant
David Holmes

By David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory.

A Proclamation

Whereas for the Execution of process civil and Criminal and for extending the operation of the Laws throughout the Territory, the Governor thereof is authorized by the Ordinance to lay out such parts of the district to which the Indian title shall have been extinguished, into Counties: And whereas a large tract of country lying within the bounds of this Territory, hath been lately acquired in virtue of treaties and compacts made and entered into with the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw tribes of Indians, upon which a number of the citizens of the United States have formed settlements: And whereas it is requisite for the purpose aforesaid and for the preservation of good order that the said tract of Country should be laid off into Counties: Therefore Know ye, that by virtue of the powers invested in me as Governor of the Mississippi Territory I do hereby erect the following Counties within the limits of the aforesaid tract of Country, that is to say:— All that tract of Country bounded on the North by the southern boundary of the State of Tennessee, on the West and South by the River Tennessee and on the East by Madison County, shall form one County, to be

called and known by the name of Elk, the Seat of Justice of which will be called Fort Hampton.
All that Country lying south of the Ridge of high Lands
of the Chickasaw boundary line, and the high Lands
that divide the waters of the Tennessee from the waters
of the Mobile Bay and west of the Cherokee boundary
line shall form another County to be called and
known by the name of Blount the Seat of Justice
where of will be held at Melton's Bluff. All that tract
of Country bounded on the north by the aforesaid County
of Blount, on the west by the Tombigbee River, on the
South by Clarke County, and on the east by the high Lands
that divide the waters of the Alabama from the
waters of the Tombigbee, shall form another County
to be called and known by the name of Shelby; the Seat
of Justice whereof will be held at the Falls of the Black
warrior — And I do hereby declare and make known
that the laws of the Mississippi Territory and the ordi-
nances and acts of Congress relating thereto, are in full
force in the said Counties of Elk, Blount and Shelby. —
And moreover I do enjoin the inhabitants thereof, to be
obedient to the laws, and to demean themselves as orderly
and peaceable Citizens.

In testimony whereof I have caused
the seal of the Territory to be hereunto
affixed and signed the same with
my hand.

Done at the Town of Washington this
ninth day of May A.D. one thousand
Eight hundred and seventeen and in
the forty first year of the Independence
of the United States of America

David Holmes

Town of Washington 12th May 1817

Sir.

Conformably to the recommendation contained in your letter of the 2d inst. I have transmitted commissions under separate envelopes to Ezekl Coffee Joseph Ogleby and Isaac Stevens. They are directed to the Post office at Monticello

Major Runnells 1st Regt. } Your Ob.
} David Holmes

Town of Washington 13 May 1817.

Sir

I return you the proof sheet of the Proclamation, you will observe the correction (melton) in place of Muldon. I wish you to forward to me a statement as far as you have been able to make it out from the Militia returns, of the officers that are entitled to promotion under the late act of the Legislature

I am &c.

Col. Marschalk. } David Holmes

Town of Washington 17th May 1817

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 12th inst, and now enclose to you a license for N. W. Williams Esqr. I have to request that you will procure from Mr Williams a certified copy of his license issued by the authority of the State of Tennessee in order that it may be filed in this office

I am respectfully your Ob.

Lt. C. Clay Esqr. } David Holmes

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Sir Town of Washington May 22nd 1817

I have divided the track of Country acquired from the Choctaws Chickasaws & Cherokees into two Counties. The lower County which adjoins Montgomery is called Shelby - it includes the country acquired from the Choctaws. I shall forward Commissions for that County and also Commissions for Montgomery agreeably to your recommendation by Mr Gamble who is engaged to go to Fort Jackson, with a number of Copies of the Digest. he will set out on the day after tomorrow

Yours respectfully &c.

David Holmes

Wm Stevens Esqr.

Town of Washington 24th May 1817.

Sir,

I received a letter a few days ago from Mr Gerald on my mind but that we will be obliged to resort to a Court of Justice to compel him to refund the money which he improperly received from you as Paymaster. The style of his letter is rude and the matter goes to establish the incorrectness of his conduct. he states that about two years ago he transferred his pay to a House in New Orleans that when you paid him at Natchez, he had no knowledge of the amount having been paid that House and that it was your duty to have known what was due to him. upon these light circumstances as he attempts to justify the act he has committed I enclose to you a copy of the agreement between him and Williams & Mathews the firm to whom he transferred his claim. I will thank you to forward to me immediately all the evidence respecting the transaction that you can procure. The oath of Mr Pemberton and of yourself as to his having been paid twice, and a statement from Williams & Mathews of the circumstances of the transaction with them

will be requisite. He has stated in his letter that when he is satisfied that Williams & Tatham is paid, that he will refund what he received from you, but I have no confidence in his promise

I am Dear Sir Yours &c.
Gl. B. Shamburgh David Holmes

Dear Sir, Town of Washington 29th May 1817

I transmit to you four proclamations copies of the proclamation erecting the country lately acquired from the Choctaws Cherokees & Chickasaws into Three Counties - a number of Commissions for the Counties of Blount and Elk are forwarded under separate envelopes, directed to your care; Others will be transmitted by the next mail, I must beg the favor of you to have the proclamation Published in the Huntsville Papers and to forward two of the enclosed Copies to each of the Counties, the letters containing the Commissions I will thank you to have forwarded to the individuals to whom they are directed by the earliest opportunity

I am with Great respect Sir
Your Obdt Servt
David Holmes

Majr Robt. Peaty
Huntsville

Dear Sir, Town of Washington June 6th 1817

I have transmitted the following Commissions under separate envelopes, agreeably to your recommendation they would have been forwarded at an earlier date but that I have been for some time past too much indisposed to attend to business

I am yours &c
David Holmes

Colo. Read
Name entered in the register
the 16th June 1817.

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By David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory — To all who shall see these presents Greeting — Whereas Hiram Henderson at a special Court martial lately holden hath been found Guilty of larceny and Whereas, The Judge and the Jury before whom the said Hiram Henderson was tried have recommended him to the clemency of the Executive. Therefore know ye that I having considered the recommendation aforesaid do pardon and remit the punishment which the said Henderson is liable to receive

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Given under my hand and the seal of the Territory this 16th day of June 1817

David Holmes.

Town of Washington 17th June 1817.

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your communication of the 2nd Inst. and now transmit to you a Commission as Justice of the Peace for the Precinct of the Settlement of the Town of St Stephens

I am respectfully your obedient Servant.

Daniel Dennon Darling

David Holmes

Copy of an address to General A. Hinds on the 21st of June 1817.

General — I am directed by the Legislature to present to you a sword as a testimonial of the high sense which the people of the Territory entertain of your services and the services of your brave companions in arms whilst acting in the defence of New Orleans — In discharging this duty I should do injustice to the sentiments I entertain of your valor and patriotism, were I to refrain from declaring, how much you deserve the honor which your Country confers upon you. Accept General this Sword the Gift of a generous people, who know how to appreciate merit & who will be ever ready to do Justice to those who are distinguished for their faithfulness & ability to serve the Public

your very obedient Servant

David Holmes

Town of Washington 29th June 1817

Sir. —

I have the honor to transmit to you Copies of all the papers, that relate to the case of Majr. J. Gerald and have to request that you will order him to be arrested and tried. The Orgenal papers I shall put into the hands of an Attorney in Order that a suit may be instituted for the recovery of the money improperly drawn from the Pay master

Brigdr. Genl. Hinds } I have the honor to be your respectfully
David Holmes

The Specfication against Gerald will be for his having received pay twice and for having signed a false certificate in honor — ungentlemanly and unofficerlike conduct, will form one of the General Charges. You will observe by the affidavit of Nathan & Williams that Gerald knew they had received the amount of pay transferred to them, before he drew the pay a second time from Shamburg. This he denies in his letter to me a circumstance that will justify one other Specfication

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Town of Washington 30th June 1817.

Sir. I enclose to you a decree to practice Law in the courts of this Territory.

with respect.

David Rust Esqr } David Holmes

Town of Washington 2nd July 1817.

Sir.

I have the honor to encloses you a General Order approving the sentence of the Court Martial in the case of Capt. Cheek You will Copy the Order and deliver the Orgenal to General Hinds

I am respectfully
Your Obedient
David Holmes

Lt Col. Ross

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General Orders. Head Quarters 2nd. July 1817.

At a court Martial ordered for the trial of Capt Henry Cheek of which Major Bolls is president, the Court after mature consideration have sentenced Capt. Cheek to be reprimanded by Brigdr General Hinds—He is then to resume his command, The Commander in Chief approves the sentence of the Court Martial and the same to be carried into effect.

By order of the Commander in Chief

Sir. Town of Washington 3rd. July 1817.

I enclose to you three Muster Rolls, two of the company of Jno. Allen the other of the Company of Drury M. Allen of Madison County, the Rolls were forwarded to me by Mr. Brent the Paymaster a Copy of his letter and a copy of one from Capt Jno. A. Allen to him are herewith transmitted. You will also receive a Copy of a letter which I received from Gen. Jackson upon the same subject, the rolls are certified by me in in the usual form and the Documents mentioned corrected. I have to request that you will order these companies to be paid with as little delay as possible

I have the honor to be &c.

Col Chambers David Holmes

Sir Town of Washington Mi. T. 16th. July 1817.

I have the honor to transmit to you Copies of several depositions and Certificates relating to the Murder of a Negro (the property of John McDonald) by a Creek Indian. From these papers (the Original of which is filed in the Secretary's Office of this Territory) it appears that McDonald is entitled

To a remuneration under the Law regulating Indian intercourse, The Agent has requested me to submit to the President.

I have the honor to be &c.
David Holmes

The Hond.
Secretary of War

Town of Washington 14th July 1817.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that the Convention authorized by Law to form a Constitution for the People of the Western part of the Mississippi Territory, met on the first Monday of this Month, and after having organized their body proceeded to discuss the Question, whether it was expedient to form a Constitution and State Government. This question was decided in the affirmative, and the Convention are now engaged in forming the Constitution. When they shall have completed the business I will communicate to the President the result of their deliberations.

I have the honor to be &c.
David Holmes

Hond. Secy of State

Town of Washington July 29th 1817.

Sir.

I transmit to you copies of four depositions relative to an outrage committed by the Chactaws upon John Montgomery in the year 1818 the Agent to the Chactaw Mr. Silas Dinsmore entertained unfavorable opinion the opinion that the Claimant was not entitled to remuneration on the ground that the Indians had been pursued and attacked by a party of the White men. Mr. Montgomery therefore thought it unnecessary to make application to the President. Upon examining the papers it appears

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that Montgomery had no agency in bringing the
party to justice the Indians who committed the
outrage. I would therefore recommend that a just
remuneration should be made for the property. The
amount is not considerable and the agent can
readily ascertain the correctness of the Charges.
An inventory of the articles destroyed with their
value will be forwarded so soon as it is received
at this Office

I have the honor to be your
Obed. Servant
Hond. Secretary of War

David Holmes

Town of Washington 31st July 1817.

Sir

It appears from the enclosed certificate that
John Rose late a Captain in the Mississippi Dragoons
was permitted to remain at home a part of the
time for which he was detailed to serve. In
consequence of indisposition, the Paymaster
upon a settlement of his account deducted
this time. Mr. Rose is dissatisfied with the adjust-
ment and has requested me to ask your Opinion
upon the case. Mr. Erwin a Lieutenant in the
same Corps, was settled with in the same manner
by the Paymaster and has made to me a
similar request. Be pleased to let me
hear from you on this subject.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedt Servant

Robt. Brent. Esqr

David Holmes
Paymaster Genl

To all persons whom it may concern . . .

Know Ye that I David Holmes Governor of the Mississippi Territory, having seen & examined the Statement of the Honble George Poindexter the Judge who presided in the trial of Hiram Singleton and William Boyd for a riot and assault upon one Needham Reynolds at the last November Term of the Wilkinson Superior Court and from the Transcript of the proceedings had in said cause and the affidavits annexed and from other documents filed in the Secretarys Office for this Territory. Do by virtue of the powers me vested hereby remit the fine imposed by the verdict of the Jury and the Judgment of the Court in said case upon the said Hiram Singleton and William Boyd but not that imposed upon each Dancer the other Defendant named in the Indictment, they Paying Nevertheless the costs of the Prosecution

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Given under my hand & the Seal of the Territory at the Town of Washington this 5th. August 1817.

David Holmes

Town of Washington State Miss.

Sir. 22nd August 1817.

I transmit by your two commissions one as clerk of the Superior Court the other as Clerk of the County Court for Blount County -

I am Respectfully your Obedt Servant.

J. B Tuntale Esqr
Huntsville

David Holmes